NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR **WRITTEN** REPLY

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**428. MR S MOKGALAPA (MP) (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION:**

(1) (a) How many South Africans have travelled to Syria since January 2016 and (b) what was the stated purpose of each trip;

(2) how many South Africans are still in Syria;

(3) (a) how many South Africans have died in Syria in the past three years and (b) what was the cause of death in each case? NW482E

**REPLY:**

1. (a) According to the Syrian Embassy in South Africa, during the period under discussions, 27 South Africans visited Syria;

(b) Fourteen (14) government officials, eight (8) individuals attended a wedding, two (2) visited relatives, two (2) agricultural and technical experts and one (1) normal visit.

1. According to the South African Embassy in Syria, there are 9 South Africans residing in Syria.
2. (a) From both the South African and Syrian governments, no South African’s has been reported dead.

(b) Not applicable.

**UNQUOTE**