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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**717.Ms L L van Der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) (What total number of (a) persons entered the Republic on a tourist visa in the years (i) 2015, (ii) 2016 and (iii) 2017 and (b) the specified persons exited the Republic the same year they entered? NW856E

**REPLY:**

1. Persons that arrive in the Republic of South Africa for tourism purposes can be visa required or visa exempt. Upon entry, such international tourists are normally provided with a period of stay between 30 to 90 days.

Information on Purpose of Visit is collected for foreign arrivals into South Africa with the inclusion of the following categories considered as arrival statistics for tourism purposes:

* Holiday/vacation
* Visiting Family and Friends
* Conferences
* Visits under three months’ days

1. 2015: 14 314 029
2. 2016: 15 256 448
3. 2017: 15 083 469

(b)The total recorded movements for traveller departures are the following:

1. 2015: 14 174 416
2. 2016: 14 988 924
3. 2017: 14 929 567

The difference between arrivals and departures could arise as a carryover of movements into the next year or extension of the period of stay.

**END**