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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 944

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**944. Mr M H Hoosen (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What is the (a) total number of critical skills visa applications that have been received by the department in the current and past two financial years, (b) total number which were (i) approved and (ii) declined and (c) average turnaround times for the applications? NW1024E

**REPLY:**

(a) Critical skills visa received

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| Year | Total Received |
| 2015/16 | 3 852 |
| 2016/17 | 6 304 |
| 2017/18 | 6 697 |

(b)(i)&(ii) Critical skills visa approved and rejected

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| Year | Approved | Rejected |
| 2015/16 | 1 904 | 1 948 |
| 2016/17 | 3 032 | 3 272 |
| 2017/18 | 3 697 | 3 000 |

c) The average turnaround time for critical skills visas is 4 weeks.