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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 982

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**982. Mr. A C Roos (DA)) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

In light of the roll-out of Smart Card Identity Documents (ID) to combat identity theft and fraudulent activities relating to driver licences, social grants, financial institutions and insurance companies, what measures are in place to provide for (a) indigent persons and (b) unemployed citizens who cannot afford the R140 card fee to replace their green ID with a Smart Card ID free of charge? NW2134E

**REPLY:**

1. Currently the Department does not provide Smart ID Cards for free to indigent persons.
2. Currently the Department does not provide Smart ID Cards for free to unemployed citizens.

However, approval was obtained through National Treasury to ensure that Smart ID Cards are issued free of charge to the elderly citizens who are 60 years and above,also to first time applicants who are 16 years and above.

**END**