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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 108

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**108. Ms Z Jongbloed (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) What number of foreign nationals (a) entered the country on (i) visitor visas and/or (ii) holiday visas in 2017, (b) departed on or before the date on which their visas expired in 2017 and (c) of each nationality did not depart in 2017;

(2) (a) what number of applications for asylum were received in 2017, (b) what is the nationality of each person whose asylum application was approved and (c) what were the reasons given for applying for asylum in each case? NW114E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(i-ii) **15,083,238** total recorded movements for traveller arrivals in 2017 on visitor’s visas for holiday purposes.

(1)(b) **16,181,312** total recorded movements for traveller departures in 2017. The difference between arrivals and departures could arise as a carryover of movements from 2016.

(1)(c)(i) The top five nationalities whose movements indicate they have not yet departed the RSA are:

1. Zimbabwe: 227 365

2. Malawi: 66 742

3. Mozambique: 47 031

4. Lesotho: 38670

5. Swaziland: 4 549

2(a) 24,174 applications for asylum were received in the 2017 calendar year.

(b) 2,267 applications were approved with the following nationalities:

Angola, Burundi, Congo, DRC, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Liberia, Rwanda, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria and Zimbabwe

(c) Primarily, approved cases are for family joining or re-unification based on other reasons as referred below:

- Persecution on political opinion

- Parent (s) and /or brother (s) and / or sister (s) killed

- Civil war and political instability

- Religion

- External aggression