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186. Ms T A Khanyile (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to question 4076 on 8 January 2024, his department received a memorandum from the State Attorney's office in Cape Town, in which the State Attorney raised concern about the flood of lawsuits due to his department's inability to issue permits and visas expeditiously; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further, relevant details in this regard;
- (2) what is the total breakdown of the visa categories that constitute the visa backlog of 95 000 applications?
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REPLY:

- (1) The Department never received any formal memorandum from the Office of the State Attorney Cape Town. However, we learnt from the Sunday Times that such a memorandum existed. We then investigated and found that there was correspondence between two junior officials, one from the Department and the other from the Office of the State Attorney Cape Town. We enquired from the Head of the Office of the State Attorney Cape Town, Mr Mbeki, whether he had any knowledge of such correspondence. Mr Mbeki confirmed that he did not approve such correspondence and that he only learnt from the media that there was such a memorandum. We therefore do not regard that memorandum as official correspondence save to state that, information contained therein is inaccurate.

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- (2) As at 31 January 2024, the Critical Skills, Business and General Work Visas that form part of the annual performance plan have no backlogs. Majority of the delays and backlogs are on two visa categories, they are section 11(6) and Section 18 visas for spousal and relatives respectively.

The department experiences challenges concerning the legitimacy of relationships being claimed and cited in the applications. It must be noted that some foreign nationals have taken advantage and follow corrupt methods to legitimise themselves, family members, friends and others. The backlog for both stands at 79 916. 85% of the backlog falls under these two categories where massive corruption and collusion was detected. The breakdown is as follows:

Temporary Residence Permit: Categories	
Row Labels	31-Jan-24
Exchange Visa Section 22	9
Medical Treatment Section 17	1090
Relative's Visa (brother) Section 18	2609
Relative's Visa (major child) Section 18	3952
Relative's Visa (minor child) Section 18	9580
Relative's Visa (Parent) Section 18	2190
Relative's Visa (sister) Section 18	841
Relative's Visa (Spouse)	18661
Retired Person Visa Section 20	1686
Study Visa Section 13	1751
Treaty Visa Section 14	49
Visitor's Visa Section 11(1)	1106
Visitor's Visa Section 11(1)(b)(i)	14
Visitor's Visa section 11(1)(b)(ii)	2229
Visitor's Visa Section 11(1)(b)(iii)	191
Visitor's Visa Section 11(1)(b)(iv)	3883
Visitor's Visa Section 11(2)	1233
Visitor's Visa Section 11(6)	41083
Grand Total	92157

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