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2959. Ms L M Ngobeni (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Given that section 15(4) of the Immigration Act, Act 13 of 2002, read with the Immigration Regulations, requires a minimum capital investment of R5 million for a business visa, what total number of (a) business visas were issued in each of the past five financial years, (b) applications were rejected for non-compliance with the capital investment threshold and (c) waivers were granted on the recommendation of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, disaggregated by sector? NW3072E

Reply:

- a) The total number of business visas that were issued in each of the past five financial years is as follows:
- i. 2021/2022: thirty-nine (39) business visa applications were approved.
 - ii. 2022/23: forty-two (42) business visa applications were approved.
 - iii. 2023/2024: forty-four (44) business visa applications were approved.
 - iv. 2024/2025: forty-six (46) business visa applications were approved.
 - v. 2025/26: thirty-three (33) business visa applications were approved.
- b) The total number of applications which were rejected for non-compliance with the capital investment threshold in each of the past five financial years is as follows:
- vi. 2021/2022: forty-five (45) business visa applications were rejected.
 - vii. 2022/23: fifty-nine (59) business visa applications were rejected.
 - viii. 2023/2024: sixty-one (61) business visa applications were rejected.
 - ix. 2024/2025: sixty-three (63) business visa applications were rejected.

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- x. 2025/26: fifty-seven (57) business visa applications were rejected

- c) The Department recently moved waiver applications onto a digital Waiver Adjudication Module in October 2025. Manual waiver applications processed before October have been archived and as such the records for the past 5 years cannot be retrieved in time to obtain the requested information. On the new online platform, there are no waivers that have been granted for the capital investment requirement of R5 million.

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