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Mrs S V kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

How many foreigners have been naturalised in total in the (a) 2010-11, (b) 2011-12 and (c) 2012-13 financial years (i) in each (aa) month and (bb) home affairs office and (ii) from which country did each foreign national originate in each of these years?

NW399E

REPLY:

Prior to October 2011, the finalisation of naturalisation applications were performed at the provincial offices (offices of application) of the Department. No records were maintained concerning naturalised citizens' country of origin. Centralisation of applications for naturalisation was implemented from October 2011. The information obtained is as follows:

(a) 2010-11: 6 102

No of Naturalised Applicants	(i) (aa) Month	(bb) Home Affairs Offices	(ii) Country of Origin
527	April 2010	No records on hand	No records on hand
791	May 2010	No records on hand	No records on hand
594	June 2010	No records on hand	No records on hand
370	July 2010	No records on hand	No records on hand
210	August 2010	No records on hand	No records on hand
439	September 2010	No records on hand	No records on hand
525	October 2010	No records on hand	No records on hand
635	November 2010	No records on hand	No records on hand
583	December 2010	No records on hand	No records on hand
399	January 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand
490	February 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand
539	March 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand

(b) 2011-12: 1 603 **NATURALISATION WAS CENTRALIZED AT H/O AS AT OCTOBER 2011**

No of Naturalised Applicants	(i) (aa) Month	(bb) Home Affairs Offices	(ii) Country of Origin
105	April 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand
344	May 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand
138	June 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand
587	July 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand
245	August 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand
66	September 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand
0	October 2011	No records on hand	No records on hand
11	November 2011	No records on hand	Lesotho: 2 Madagascar: 2 Japan: 2 India: 5

4	December 2011	No records on hand	Britain: 1 Portugal: 1 Lesotho: 1 Zimbabwe: 1
66	January 2012	No records on hand	Britain: 2 Pakistan: 4 Nigeria: 8 Zimbabwe: 19 Portugal: 4 Russia: 1 Mozambique: 12 Angola: 3 Lesotho: 1 Germany: 1 Mauritius: 1 Italy: 1 Malawi: 1 Morocco: 1 Ethiopia: 1 Iran: 1 USA: 1 India: 1 Angola: 2 DRC: 1
22	February 2012	No records on hand	Bangladesh: 1 Swaziland: 1 DRC: 1 Zimbabwe: 6 Pakistan: 1 Mozambique: 7 Britain: 1 Nigeria: 1 Egypt: 2 Ghana: 1
15	March 2012	No records on hand	Swaziland: 1 Pakistan: 1 Nigeria: 2 Morocco: 1 Mozambique: 2 India: 2 Taiwan: 1 Britain: 3 Zimbabwe: 2

(c) 2012-13: 732

No of Naturalised Applicants	(i) (aa) Month	(bb) Home Affairs Offices	(ii) Country of Origin
21	April 2012	No records on hand	Britain: 1

			Pakistan: 2 Nigeria: 6 DRC: 6 Malawi: 1 Ghana: 1 Mozambique: 2 Korea: 1 Zimbabwe :1
17	May 2012	No records on hand	Zimbabwe: 4 Nigeria: 2 India: 6 Britain: 2 Lesotho: 1 Mozambique: 1 Portugal: 1
38	June 2012	No records on hand	Nigeria: 4 Pakistan: 2 Angola: 1 Zimbabwe: 5 Brazil: 1 Cameroon: 1 Taiwan: 1 Portugal: 2 Australia: 1 Malawi: 1 Ethiopia: 2 Kenya: 5 India: 5 Britain: 2 Lesotho: 1 DRC: 3 Italy: 1
40	July 2012	No records on hand	Poland: 1 China: 1 Portugal: 4 Mozambique: 2 Lesotho: 4 Bangladesh: 1 Swaziland: 1 Cameroon: 1 Britain: 3 Scotland: 1 India: 2 Cuba: 1 Zambia: 2 Netherlands: 2 Greece: 1 Zimbabwe: 3 DRC: 1 Italy: 1 Malawi: 1

			Kenya: 2 Zambia: 1 Somalia: 2 USA: 1 Pakistan: 1
62	August 2012	No records on hand	Bangladesh: 1 Ivory Coast: 1 Nigeria: 6 Mozambique: 2 Zambia: 5 Scotland: 2 India: 2 DRC: 3 Zimbabwe: 15 Swaziland: 2 Sierra Leone: 1 Lesotho: 1 Bulgaria: 1 Kenya: 4 Pakistan: 1 Britain: 7 Ukraine: 1 Australia: 1 Ghana: 1 Turkey: 1 Myanmar: 1 Greece: 1 Portugal: 2
37	September 2012	No records on hand	Swaziland: 1 Mozambique: 4 Zambia: 1 Nigeria: 5 China: 1 Malawi: 1 Zimbabwe: 5 Britain: 3 Lesotho: 4 Ghana: 4 India: 1 DRC: 1 Cuba: 1 Scotland: 1 Germany: 2 Croatia: 1 Senegal: 1
17	October 2012	No records on hand	Zimbabwe: 2 Mozambique: 1 India: 1 Yugoslavia: 4 Lesotho: 3 Nigeria: 2

			Algeria: 1 DRC: 1 Senegal: 1 Britain: 1
156	November 2012	No records on hand	Nigeria: 13 Zimbabwe: 27 Ghana: 13 Guinea: 1 Germany: 2 India: 4 Britain: 8 Kenya: 7 New Zealand: 1 Mozambique: 16 Uganda: 2 Malawi: 2 Zambia: 6 Lesotho: 8 Ukraine: 2 Pakistan: 5 China: 2 Georgia: 1 Sweden: 2 Somalia: 6 Taiwan: 4 Cameroon: 1 Bulgaria: 1 Scotland: 1 DRC: 3 Swaziland: 2 Kenya: 4 USA: 1 Burkina Faso: 1 Poland: 1 Russia: 1 Greece: 1 Italy: 1 Iran: 2 Botswana: 2 Mauritius: 2
54	December 2012	No records on hand	Mozambique: 3 Britain: 10 Scotland: 1 Zimbabwe: 6 Uganda: 1 India: 8 Pakistan: 2 Mauritius: 1 Somalia: 1 Taiwan: 1 Belgium: 1

			Botswana: 1 Cameroon: 2 China: 1 Lesotho: 3 Malawi: 1 Zambia: 2 Angola: 1 Portugal: 1 Guinea: 5 Nigeria: 2
116	January 2013	No records on hand	Portugal: 4 Zimbabwe: 19 Lesotho: 5 Nigeria: 6 Britain: 5 Serbia: 4 China: 4 Korea: 1 Italy: 2 DRC: 5 Belgium: 2 Pakistan: 2 Germany: 1 Uganda: 2 Mozambique: 12 Malawi: 2 Swaziland: 4 Cameroon: 2 India: 7 Iran: 3 France: 2 Bangladesh: 2 Greece: 3 Ghana: 3 Sierra Leone: 1 Senegal: 2 Kenya: 3 Taiwan: 1 Botswana: 2 Thailand: 1 Tanzania: 1 Zambia: 2 Canada: 1
114	February 2013	No records on hand	Lebanon: 1 Britain: 11 Cyprus: 1 DRC: 4 Nigeria: 7 Portugal: 7 Ghana: 3 Uganda: 3

			<p>Senegal: 2 Cameroon: 1 Swaziland: 5 Pakistan: 1 Angola: 2 Lesotho: 11 Zimbabwe: 16 Scotland: 1 Iran: 2 Switzerland: 2 Mozambique: 8 Bangladesh: 2 India: 6 Poland: 1 Zambia: 4 New Zealand: 1 Kenya: 3 Morocco: 1 Malawi: 1 Russia: 1 China: 2 Somalia: 1 N. Ireland: 1 Taiwan: 2</p>
86	March 2013	No records on hand	<p>Zimbabwe: 14 Britain: 5 Nigeria: 12 Lesotho: 9 Ghana: 4 Yugoslavia: 1 Switzerland: 2 DRC: 10 Somalia: 1 Pakistan: 3 Mozambique: 5 Malawi: 4 Swaziland: 1 China: 1 Poland: 1 Australia: 1 Zambia: 1 Guatemala: 1 Greece: 1 Iran: 1 India: 2 Portugal: 1 Albania: 1 Senegal: 1 Sri Lanka: 1 Russia: 1 Cameroon: 1</p>

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Mrs S V kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What is being done to educate South Africans seeking citizenship of another country of the fact that their South African citizenship will automatically be lost unless permission is obtained for dual citizenship?

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REPLY:

The requirements for dual citizenship are on the Department's web site.

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Mr A Watson (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) How many South Africans have lost their citizenship because they did not seek permission to obtain citizenship of another country since the SA Citizenship Act, Act 88 of 1995, came into effect and (b) what were the respective reasons for this?

NW383E

REPLY:

(a) There is no record on hand to provide information on the number of South Africans who lost their citizenship because they did not seek permission prior to obtaining citizenship of another country since the SA Citizenship Act, Act 88 of 1995, came into effect.

South African citizens may formally obtain citizenship of another country while retaining South African citizenship, by applying for retention of South African citizenship (in terms of 6(2) of the South African Citizenship Act, 1995, (as amended). RSA has no objection to SA citizens obtaining dual citizenship or citizenship of another country and thereby its citizens are not obligated to report or seek permission if they need to acquire citizenship of another country.

(b) Reasons for electing not to apply for retention of citizenship prior to obtaining foreign citizenship are not known to the Department, it being a matter of individual right or choice.

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Mr A Watson (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Do South Africans with dual citizenship since birth require dual citizenship certificates?

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REPLY:

No.

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INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 6 of 2014

Mr M Mnqasela (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Do children born abroad of South African parents require visas if they do not have South African passports?

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REPLY:

Yes, except if they were born in countries which are visa exempt.

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Mr M M Mnqasela (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Do dual citizenship certificates have expiry dates?

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REPLY:

No.

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