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Mr G B D Mc Intosh (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

How many non-South African (a)(i) temporary and (ii) permanent residents, (b) asylum seekers, (c) refugees or (d) legal entities are registered as (aa) taxpayers and (bb) VAT vendors?

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REPLY:

SARS does not differentiate in respect of the status of taxpayers for any tax type as per the above categorisation. As such SARS is unable to provide this information.

However, any person operating an enterprise which is subject to the tax legislation of South Africa must understand that he / she must be tax compliant. This is clearly not the case.

SARS has been directed to work with the Department of Home Affairs and other agencies to:

- a) raise the awareness of all persons operating in South Africa of their tax obligations;
- b) that there must be more intensive efforts to register all persons / businesses (including those operated by foreigners) for tax purposes where required by law.