

TEMPLATE FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE

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3) Teaser	In response to a Freedom of Information request about the number of approved HSMP & work permits applications issued to South Africans.
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5) Summary	<p>We have a received a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following:</p> <p>Please provide the number of approved HSMP applications from 2002 to 2005 and approved work permit applications from 1995 to 2005, issued to South African nationals</p> <p>We released the following information on: 24/04/2006</p>
6) HTML source text (If not HTML please ensure documents for PDF conversion are included)	See table below

	Work Permits* (application types: work permits and first permissions)	HSMP** (initial applications only)
1995	09	
1996	959	
1997	1,480	
1998	2,290	
1999	3,522	
2000	4,582	
2001	7,797	
2002	8,384	69
2003	6,549	342
2004	5,995	585
2005	4,751	816
Total	47,118	1,812

* number of approved work permit applications since the year the information was recorded on current database systems.

** number of approved HSMP applications since the start of the scheme.