# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1832**

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**Mr L G Mokoena (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) What is the total number of abortions disaggregated by trimester and (b) what measures are in place to ensure that persons who need an abortion in the 3rd trimester due to maternal health reasons and/or foetal health concerns can access the service country wide?

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**REPLY:**

(a) The Department of Health does not collect disaggregated data by trimester.

(b) After 20 weeks of gestation, if a medical practitioner, after consultation with another medical practitioner or registered midwife, is of the opinion that continued pregnancy would endanger the woman's life or if the pregnancy would result in severe malformation of the foetus, the pregnancy can be terminated.

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