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**2368. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(What programmes has his department put in place to ensure that children of foreign nationals, who are born in the Republic, have access to all necessary documentation? NW2740E

**REPLY:**

The Births and Deaths Act 1992, (Act No 51 of 1992), makes provision for birth registration of all children born in the Republic of South Africa. Section 9 dealing with Notice of birth in subsection(1) states that in the case of any child born alive, any one of his or her parents, or if the parents are deceased, any of the prescribed persons, shall, within 30 days after the birth of such child, give notice thereof in the prescribed manner, and in compliance with the prescribed requirements, to any person contemplated in section 4. This legislative requirement make reference to any child born in the Republic without discriminating on the basis of the nationality of parents. Legislation provides for issuance of a notification certificate of birth to children born of foreign nationals.

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