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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2857. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What is the total number of children aged between 0-18years who (a) have one parent registered on their birth certificates and (b) have both parents registered on the birth certificates? NW3455E

**REPLY:**

1. Currently the Department, does not disaggregate children’s birth certificate according to whether they have a single parent or not. The Department intends to develop a system that generates data related to the above. However, data for both parents is contained in the unabridged birth certificate.
2. Section 9 dealing with Notice of birth in subsection (1) of the Births and Deaths Registration Act (Act 51 of 1992) 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. There is no provision made in terms of the Births and Deaths Registration Act (Act 51 of 1992) for both parents to register children on their birth certificates.