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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) is the latest ratio per 1 000 live births to maternal deaths and (b) total number of maternal deaths were preventable? **NW4348E**

**REPLY:**

Maternal mortality ration is internationally reported as ratio/ 100 000 live births.

1. The Department of Health collates the information on maternal mortality ratio through District Health Information System (DHIS) as a routine data collection system and also through the National Committee on Confidential Enquiries on Maternal Deaths (NCCEMD) process. DHIS collates information on the number of maternal deaths only and not the contributory factors to the cause of maternal deaths. This assists in reporting real time data on number of maternal deaths. The latest ratio is of maternal deaths is 110.7 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births according to Q2 (July to September 2022) Source DHIS Accessed 19/10/2022.
2. The report on total number of preventable maternal deaths is generated through the perinatal review meetings where the contributory factors to the maternal deaths is assessed. The information is then collated and analysed by the National Committee on Confidential Enquiries on Maternal Deaths (NCCEMD), referred here above. NCCEMD then generates the triennial report on number of preventable maternal deaths. The latest Saving mothers report was released for 2017-2019 triennium, which reported (613/982) 62.4 % rate of preventable maternal deaths.

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