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**979. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) What is the current backlog on the issuing of birth certificates as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) What (a) total number of births have not been registered with his department to date, (b) number of the unregistered births are (i) South Africans and (ii) foreigners and (c) is the breakdown for each province? NW1146E

**REPLY:**

1. Birth certificates are issued on the spot therefore the Department does not have a backlog on the issuing of birth certificates.
2. (a), (b)(i)(ii) and (c)

The Department is mandated to do civil registration only and Statistics SA (StatsSA) as well as the Department of Health are mandated to produce official vital statistics from the civil registration system and to register birth occurrences at health facilities respectively.

**END**