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RE: RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION 5. HL071 TABLED BY MEMBER. R NT'SEKHE OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)

Further to 5.SD031;

(i) Since lockdown in March 2020, how many teenage (underage) girls fell pregnant that the department is aware of;

Months (April 2020 to March 2021	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	March 2021	Totals
Deliveries (10 to 14 Years)	65	112	132	131	155	58	67	57	42	31	37	47	934

Deliveries (15 to 19 Years)	1459	1787	1768	1984	1897	1671	1456	1427	1502	1417	1318	1630	19 316
CTOP (10 years to 19years)	163	179	163	143	202	241	370	283	238	314	331	349	2976

- Source DHIS.

(ii) Is there a profile of the type of man who has fathered these children

- The Department does not collect this information.

(iii) How many cases of statutory rape were opened against men who impregnated these girls; -

- Cases of statutory rape are reported by Healthcare Social Workers at hospitals and clinics to the Department of Social Development and SAPS. There are no statistics collected specifically on statutory rape by the Department of Health.

(iv) How many arrests were made;

- The cases are reported to SAPS and arrests remains their mandate.

(v) Of these how many of these cases made it on court rolls;

- This is the mandate of the SAPS and NPA

(vi) Of these, how many resulted in convictions;

- Please refer to (v)

(vii) When an underage girl is pregnant and goes to a health facility, is there any obligation on the medical personnel to inform a social worker or the police;

YES – only in the following situations:

- If the pregnancy is a result of sexual abuse, then the matter is reported in terms of the Children's Act - mandatory reporting of abuse.
- The Healthcare social workers at hospitals and clinics facilitate the statutory processes and refers the matter to a social worker designated under the Children's Act 38 of 2005 AND they report the matter to SAPS.
- If the mother was under 16 years of age when she became pregnant the matter is managed as a case of statutory rape even if it was consensual.

(viii) if yes, how many such instances were reported since the lockdown began;

- There are only statistics collected on the Number of Teenage pregnancies (children under 18 years of age): 2022 teen pregnancies
- There are no statistics collected on the number of teenagers whose pregnancies were a result of rape or sexual abuse.

(ix) What was the outcome of these cases;

- The mandate in terms of perpetrators is the mandate of the Department of Social Development and SAPS.
- The mandate of the Department of Health is to report such cases in terms of the Children's Act 38 of 2005.

(x) How many of these cases have resulted in arrests?

The Department does not collect this information as this is the mandate of SAPS.

Approved /not approved / approved with amendments



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