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re Services of Domiciliary Midwives

The Auckland branch of the Home Birth Assoc. is very concerned about the ~~acute~~ shortage of ~~midwives~~ domiciliary midwives in the greater Auckland area. The situation is particularly acute in the Takapuna Health District. ~~Last month~~ ^{about} women who wanted home births were unable to obtain ~~nursing services~~.

At present we know of ^{several} ~~about~~ women who want home births but who are unable to obtain ^{nursing} the services.

What in your view is the duty of the Department towards women opting for home births who seek the services of a midwife?

Is the Department prepared to advertise within A.2. for domiciliary midwives?

If there are no nurses available with the required training, is the Department willing to consider overseas recruitment?

Yours etc.

See. HBA.