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Home-birth figures

Parliamentary reporter

About 1 per cent of babies born each year are born at home, the Minister of Health, Mr Malcolm has told Parliament.

In reply to a question, Mr Malcolm said that statements by the Home Birth Association that some women delivered their own babies at home because qualified midwives had been "forced out of business" by the Health Department were incorrect.

He said he had not heard of any women delivering their own babies at home, but would like to hear if this had happened.

The fee to midwives for home births was \$140 for each delivery. This was not intended to amount to a full-time salary.

After a review of midwifery fees earlier this year, a 17 per cent increase had been approved but it had not been introduced yet because of the wage freeze.

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