

Please find below the responses that the delegation of The Bahamas to the 71st Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women made an undertaking to forward within a 48 Hour time period, further to the delegation's constructive dialogue with the Committee on Thursday 25 October, 2018.

Article 9-Nationality

The question was how many stateless persons are in The Bahamas. According to the Department of Immigration we do not know how many there are within The Bahamas. The amount of Applications before the Immigration Commission doesn't provide any indication. Not all of the applicants are stateless.

Article 11- Labour

There was a request for the amount of female workers in the following fields. The information is from the 2010 Census:

- The Amount Domestic Workers-3,772
- The Amount of Workers in the Tourism Sector-21,805

Article 12 – Health

The request was for the amount of Legal and illegal abortions performed-

*The only data that was found was concerning **legal** abortions and the most recent data with the heading, 'Pregnancies with Abortion outcome for **2007**.'*

- 10-14: 1
- 15-19: 198
- 20-44: 316
- 45-older: 4

Total: 519

Article 13

The question was asked can single women adopt children.

CH.131 – STATUTE LAW OF THE BAHAMAS - ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

Upon an application in the prescribed manner being made by any person desirous of being authorised to adopt an infant who has never been married, the court may, subject to the provisions of this Act, make an order (in this Act referred to as an adoption order) authorising the applicant to adopt the infant.'

Find Act attached.

Article- 15/16

CH.131 – STATUTE LAW OF THE BAHAMAS – Matrimonial Act, Chapter 125 and Married Women's Property Act, Chapter 129, both speak to the disbursement of married women and their property

Find both Acts attached