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CHARLOTTE KEEPS THE CROWN FOR GIRLS, BUT NOAH BOY WITH THAT NAME?

Noah, Oliver, Charlotte, Amelia, William and Olivia have continued to maintain their top 10 positions in the state's most popular baby names for 2018, Attorney General Mark Speakman announced today.

"It was a photo finish for Noah and Oliver with both tying as top boys' names on the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages Annual Top Ten Baby Names list," Mr Speakman said.

"Princess Charlotte may be fourth in line for the throne, but the name is still number one for girls in NSW, beating Amelia and Olivia to the top spot."

The top 10 hasn't changed much in the past decade and this year is no exception. There were only two newcomers – Liam nudging out Henry which has slipped to 12th spot for boys and Harper ousting Zoe which dropped to 13th place for girls.

William was third place for boys and Lucas shot up the charts jumping four spots to fourth place, followed by Jack, Ethan, Liam, Alexander, Thomas and James. Mia moved up one spot to finish fourth on the list, followed by Ava, Isla, Chloe, Grace, Harper and Emily.

Mr Speakman said the baby name list provides an interesting insight into families and communities across NSW.

"While traditional names dominate the top 10, we have seen a significant increase in the popularity of Muhammad (63rd in 2017 to 24th in 2018) and Ali (64th in 2017 to 41st in 2018) reflecting the diversity of our state," Mr Speakman said.

"Regardless of name, every baby born in NSW in 2019 will receive a free Baby Bundle from the NSW Government containing a range of essential items valued at a total of \$300, including a sleeping bag, play and change mats, thermometers, and a first aid kit."

The process for registering a newborn with the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is free, easy and can now be done online.

Parents have 60 days to register their newborn, which means some 2018 births are yet to be registered.

A final list of the top 100 baby names will be released by April 2019. To find out more call 13 77 88 or visit: www.bdm.nsw.gov.au.