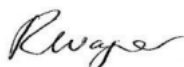


247. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Health:

Noting that the Department of Health is reported to be severely financially constrained and further noting that many suppliers of critical implants have allegedly not been paid or are no longer doing business with the department:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>(1) What is the current backlog for all orthopaedic implant surgeries, such as hip replacements, knee replacements and other, per tertiary hospital, including Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital (NMAH) in the province, in terms of the (a) number of patients waiting for such as well as (b) waiting list time-frames;</p>	<p>a. <u>Orthopaedic implants</u></p> <p>Frere: Hospital Arthroplasty 1771 Sport = 86 Pediatrics = 76 Upper limb = 68</p> <p>Livingstone Hospital: Hip Replacements = 600; Knee Replacements = 500 Hand surgery = 200</p> <p>Bedford/NMAH: Arthroplasty = 300 Trauma = 196</p> <p>a. <u>Time frames</u></p> <p>Currently at Frere their access to one slate per month, with 3-4 cases completed per slate equating to the estimation of 40 cases per year (However the numbers will change when decentralization is implemented) In Livingstone hospital Hip Replacements is estimated to be 6 years doing 4 cases per month. Moreover, Knee Replacements is estimated to be 4 years doing 2 case per month.</p>
<p>(2) as per the plan to decentralize such surgeries to regional hospitals going forward, (a) when her Department anticipates these surgeries will be decentralized and (b) which regional hospitals will form part of the decentralization programme for orthopaedic surgeries;</p>	<p>(a) Yes, there's a plan to decentralize Orthopaedic surgeries from Tertiary Hospitals to regional and district hospitals during December 2024.</p> <p>(b) Frontier, Madzikane ka Zulu and Cecilia Makiwane .</p>
<p>(3) whether her Department is planning any orthopaedic surgery weekend marathons such as the one held at Cecilia Makiwane Hospital in the previous financial year to try to address the backlog; if not, why?</p>	<p>Yes, there is a plan for Orthopaedic Marathon For Cecilia Makiwane and Frontier Hospitals</p>



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