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RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION 5. HL0102

5. HL0102: MEC in March 2026 patients scheduled for elective surgery at Tambo Memorial Hospital were told that necessary refurbishments were being made to the operating theatre complex. Surgeries would be delayed by two months. Now they are being told the theatre complex will only be available for elective surgeries such as hip replacements in JUNE 2027.

(i) What is the nature of the refurbishments to the operating theatre complex?

Response

There is currently an ongoing minor project of replacement of air handling units with one theatre room at a time, which was planned maintenance. There are currently no refurbishments in the hospital's theatre complex.

(ii) What is the cost of the refurbishments, in rands and cents;

Response

R 6 344 600.00

(iii) When did the actual work on the operating theatre complex start?

Response

The planned maintenance commenced at the beginning of May 2026.

(iv) What is the estimated date of completion of the refurbishments?

Response

31 October 2026

(v) What has the impact been on service delivery in terms of the number of elective surgeries that have been postponed?

Response

The hospital has not postponed any surgical procedures due to any renovations. This is evidenced by the marked increase in theatre utilization rate to 90% in May 2026. Elective procedures are methodically planned in advance with all the possible variables in mind to ensure minimal disruptions in service delivery. There has not been major challenges as a result of the ongoing maintenance since the commencement date.

(vi) What has the impact been on service delivery in terms of the number of non-elective surgeries that have been postponed?

Response

There was no postponement of surgeries due to maintenance of air handling units.

(vii) Where have patients in need of emergency surgery been referred to?

Response

Emergency surgery cases are continuing in Tambo Memorial Hospital. No patient has been referred to other hospitals.

Yours faithfully



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