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**RE: RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION NO 4 HL027**

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**4. HL027. With regard to the full completion of repairs and reopening of the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:**

- (i) what is the current estimate of when the hospital repairs will be fully completed.**
- The repairs to the fire damaged area in Block 4 and 5 are currently underway with various work packages being executed, the completion date is estimated at 13 December 2023. As part of the Block 4 and 5 Remedial work, there are smaller work packages such as repairs to columns and beams, construction of shear walls for structural stability and construction of a temporary access ramp to level P3 where parking can be utilised.
  - The Fire Compliance work in Block 1- 5 and Admin relating to the non-compliance findings by the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) will be completed by 26 February 2026. The project schedule is dictated by the decanting strategy adopted by the clinicians of Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital (CMJAH), the decanting approach is for all services to remain within CMJAH and decant on a Block-by-Block basis. The compliance work is estimated to be 6-8 months per Block. The Decanting options were explored in detail with several options put forward, other options required decanting to Hospitals such as Helen Joseph that are already under strain or identify vacant facilities that will need to be procured, commissioned, and occupied for a temporary period.

**(ii) what is the current estimate of when the hospital will be fully functional as it was before the fire last year;**

- By 13 December 2023, all areas of the hospital will be available. On completion of the repairs to the fire damaged areas on Block 4 and 5, the entire structure will be stabilised, and the fire damaged area demolished and rebuilt. At this stage the CMJAH will have access to all areas of the hospital, during this time the Fire Compliance work will still be in progress and continuous engagement with CoJ is required for them to endorse our methodology and allow access to certain areas.

**(iii) what accounts for any delays in fully repairing and reopening the hospital;**

- The decision to transfer the project from DID to NDoH and DBSA; and then rescinding the decision due to budget constraints and then transferring the project back to GDOH, coupled with the delayed payment of the PSPs in the process accounts for the delays.
- At the inception of the project, the project was implemented by Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development (GDID) as instructed by the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH), Professional Service Providers (PSP's) were appointed who undertook exploratory investigations and packaged the work to be executed in terms of the Framework for Infrastructure Delivery and Procurement Management (FIDPM).
- In February of 2022, the National Department of Health (NDoH) was requested to provide assistance in managing the overall project. Several months were lost where funding for the project was sourced, discussions between NDoH, Gauteng Provincial Treasury (GPT), National Treasury (NT) and it was eventually resolved that the project would be transferred back to GDoH and funding that would come from GDoH through reprioritisation of their Health Facilities and Revitalisation Grant (HFRG) and Equitable Share (ES) budgets.
- The decision also meant that GDoH would have to appoint the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) directly as an Implementing Agent (IA). This process was concluded, and a letter of appointment issued on the 4 August 2022.
- Furthermore, the payment of the PSP's that were appointed by GDID took longer as the project was not originally budgeted for by GDoH. Consequently, the DBSA and GDoH could not continue at the time to make use of the work that was already concluded by the PSPs.
- GDoH then had to engage GDID in order to ensure historical work by the PSP's were vetted, endorsed by GDID and effect payment. The GDoH also, in order to avoid wasteful expenditure opted to cede the PSP's from GDID to GDoH for continuity of the project. Payments were processed on 4 October 2022 and the ceding process is underway.

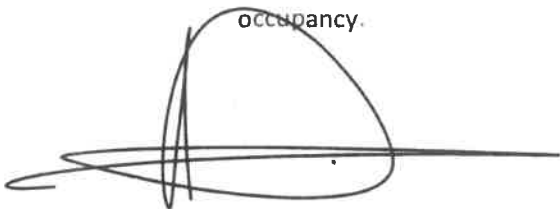
- Initially the project management team had recommended that two blocks be worked on at the same time, but that would require decanting of services to other buildings outside CMJAH. The Clinicians opted to remain with CMJAH and not decant to other Hospitals or any other facilities, this decision is to ensure minimal disruption of services and maintain a larger clinical footprint within CMJAH. This means it is only feasible to work in one Block at a time opposed to multiple Blocks had the hospital been decanted.
- These are the key reasons for the project timeline to be moved out.

**(iv) what is the estimated total cost for the repairs; and**

- The estimate cost for both work packages listed above stands at R 1 017 503 412.50, this will change as we have had offers of further donations of certain work by Spire in addition to the original Solidarity Fund and The Gift of the Givers Foundation funding. The donated work will be decoupled from the main project when the additional donation agreement is finalised.

**(v) which is the current functional level of the hospital compared to that before the fire last year?**

- The hospital is currently 85% occupied, as compared to 90% average previously occupancy.



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