**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO 711 (NW859E) OF 2015 - MR P G ATKINSON (DA) TO ASK THE**

**MINISTER OF HEALTH**

 **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ANNEXURE B**

**Parliamentary Question 711 (No NW859E) of 2015 for Written Reply

Mr P G Atkinson (DA) to ask Minister of Health:**

Does his department have any plans in place to convert the Lenasia South Community Centre into a 24-hour hospital; if not, are there any other plans in place for a 24-hour health facility in Lenasia; if so, when is such conversion set to take place?

**Reply**
Yes.

There are plans to upgrade the Lenasia South Community Health Centre into a 250 bedded district hospital. These plans are still in the design phase.

In the mean time there are plans to have seventy six (76) step down beds activated in the Community Health Center and a 24 hour casualty and an emergency service.

The project for the step down beds is at an advanced stage and it is planned that the patients will be admitted by 01 June 2015.

Minor renovations are currently underway in the casualty and emergency area.

It is envisaged that provision of 24 hour emergency services will thus commence on 01 October 2015.

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