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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 07**

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**Dr H Chewane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

**Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What steps has he taken to ensure that the machine to test breast cancer at the R K Khan Hospital in Chatsworth in KwaZulu-Natal is in working order?

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**REPLY:**

According to the KwaZulu Natal Provincial Department of Health, RK Khan has a Mammography Unit however the image processor is non-functioning and cannot be repaired as the technology is obsolete.

The Department of Health is in the process of replacing all Image Processors province-wide with CR Readers.

Two CR Readers have been earmarked for RK Khan Hospital as per the plan in place.

Due to this being a new technology, it necessitates infrastructural requirements to accommodate the CR Readers, which process is currently being finalised. This will facilitate the smooth installation of the CR Readers.

Currently patients are referred to the surrounding Hospitals such as Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital, King Edward VIII Hospital, Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital and Addington Hospital.

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