# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1045**

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**Mr K Ceza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) are the root causes of the persistent postponement of the completion date for the Middelburg District Hospital and (b)(i) corrective measures have been taken and (ii) are the details regarding the lifeline of the project?

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**REPLY:**

1. The root cause is related to the following factors:
* Some of the delays were caused by the COVID-19 restrictions including the unavailability of material. CORRECTIVE MEASURE: Due date for completion has been extended until end of September 2022.
* There was a poor application of the design standard to be used for example: IUSS (Infrastructure Unit System Support) matters. CORRECTIVE MEASURE: Training has been arranged to unpack the IUSS requirements.
* There was a lack of bulk infrastructure on site. CORRECTIVE MEASURE: The National Department of Health has provided a team of technical engineers to the Mpumalanga Province to address the issues related to the lack of bulk infrastructure.
* Insufficient yearly budget allocation due to COVID-19 requirements and priorities.
1. Further remedial activities:

Department has allocated budget for 2022/23 financial to install the bulk infrastructure services (sewerage, bulk water supply, storm water drainage and access road) because municipality does not have the funds and these charges will be deducted from the municipality bill payment of the services.

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