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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) (a) What number of public healthcare facilities will be rated green (details furnished) and (b) by what date will each public hospital reach the specified milestone;

(2) whether there are any intentional plans by his department to ensure that all public healthcare facilities reach the green rating level; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1471E**

**REPLY:**

(1) (a)-(b) Existing facilities with Green Rating Cards

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Capital Projects in the pipeline for the Green Rating Cards:



(2) Aging public health facilities remains a challenge and growing concern for the Department of Health. The short-, medium- and long-term focus is thus more on restoring many of these facilities to an acceptable state of operability. This does not imply that the Department is not considering environmental sustainability. To the contrary, challenges with electricity and water supply at many of our facilities calls for a more concerted effort towards greater sustainability with less carbon footprint and such thus come into play in the design and refurbishment of these projects. The National Department of Health with the CSIR is currently busy with an investigation into how to become more green in future and will include the outcome of the study into our Infrastructure Strategy.

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