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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What number of (a) public health facilities throughout the Republic provide oncology treatment and (b) the specified facilities has he found to possess the necessary equipment to provide oncology services;

(2) what are the details of the lack in oncology treatment in each province, as reflected in the National Cancer Registry?

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**REPLY:**

1. The following

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| **Province and Hospital Name** | **Cervical Cancer** | | | **Prostate Cancer** | | | **No of Linacs** | **Contracting** |
| **Waiting Time** | | **Backlog** | **Waiting time** | | **Backlog** |
| **Radiation** | **Chemotherapy** | **Radiation** | **Chemotherapy** |
| **Eastern Cape** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Frere Hospital | 6-8 weeks | 6-8 Weeks |  | 6-8 weeks |  |  | 1 |  |
| Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital | 6-8 weeks | 6-8 weeks |  | 6-8 weeks |  |  | 0 | Yes |
| Livingstone Hospital | 6-8 weeks | 6-8 weeks |  | 6-8 weeks |  |  | 2 |  |

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| **Province and Hospital Name** | **Cervical Cancer** | | | **Prostate Cancer** | | | **No of Linacs** | **Con-trac-ting** |
| **Waiting Time** | | **Backlog** | **Waiting time** | | **Backlog** |
| **Radiation** | **Chemotherapy** | **Radiation** | **Chemotherapy** |
| **Free State** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Universitas | 12-14 weeks |  |  | 12-14 weeks |  |  | 2 |  |
| **Gauteng** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Steve Biko | 8-12 months for curative patients |  |  | 3 years |  | 850 | 3 |  |
| Charlotte Maxeke | 6 months |  |  | 3 years |  | 4 |  |
| Chris Hani Baragwanath |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| Kalafong |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| **KwaZulu-Natal** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greys |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Addington |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | Yes |
| Ngwelezane |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | Yes |
| Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | Yes |
| **Limpopo** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Polokwane | 6-8 weeks | 6-8 weeks |  |  |  |  | 1 | Yes |
| **Mpumalanga** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rob Ferreira |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | Yes |
| **Northern Cape** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| **North West** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Province and Hospital Name** | **Cervical Cancer** | | | **Prostate Cancer** | | | **No of Linacs** | **Con-trac-ting** |
| **Waiting Time** | | **Backlog** | **Waiting time** | | **Backlog** |
| **Radiation** | **Chemotherapy** | **Radiation** | **Chemotherapy** |
| **Western Cape** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tygerberg  Surgery: 13 weeks | 2 months |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |
| Groote Schuur | 12 weeks |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |
| George |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes |
| Red Cross |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Note: Tygerberg Radiotherapy waiting times:  1. Neoadjuvant Radiotherapy for Sarcoma and Palliative Care: None  2. Adjuvant Radiotherapy for breast cancer and head and neck: 6 weeks | | | | | | | | |

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| (2) | Province | Reason for delay |
| Eastern Cape |  |
| Free State | Only one operational linear accelerator. Expecting to get two new accelerators commissioned by end of March 2020. Expecting to clear backlog by end of June 2020. |
| Gauteng | 1. Charlotte Maxeke is currently off line and struggle to resolve some connectivity issues.  2. Steve Biko: New machine only started working late November 2019. Two other machines are about to be decommissioned. |
| KwaZulu-Natal |  |
| Limpopo |  |
| Mpumalanga |  |
| Northern Cape |  |
| North West |  |
| Western Cape |  |

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**Annexure A: Current Facilities Providing Oncology Treatment and Availability of Equipment (National Department of Health Audit, 2017)**

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| **Province** | **Facility** | **Chemotherapy** | **Radiation Oncology** | **Paediatric Oncology** | **Contracting** | **No of Linacs** |
| Eastern Cape | Frere Hospital | X | X | X |  | 1 |
| Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital | X |  |  | Yes |  |
| Livingstone Hospital | X | X | X |  | 2 |
| Free State | Universitas Hospital | X | X | X |  | 2 |
| Gauteng | Steve Biko Hospital | X | X | X |  | 3 |
| Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital | X | X | X |  | 4 |
| Chris Hani Baragwabath Academic Hospital |  |  | X |  |  |
| Kalafong Hospital | X |  |  |  |  |
| Kwa Zulu Natal | Greys Hospital | X | X | X |  | 1 |
| Addington Hospital | X |  |  | Yes |  |
| Ngwelezane Hospital | X |  |  | Yes |  |
| Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital | X | X |  | Yes | 3 |
| Limpopo | Polokwane Hospital | X | X | X | Yes | 1 |
| Mpumalanga | Rob Ferreira Hospital | X |  |  | Yes |  |
| Northern Cape | Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital | X | X | X | Yes |  |
| Western Cape | Tygerberg | X | X |  |  | 3 |
| Groote Schuur | X | X |  |  | 3 |
| George Hospital | X | X |  | Yes |  |
| Red Cross Hospital |  |  | X |  |  |

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