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**Ms S Gwarube (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What is the current waiting period for treatment for patients who have been diagnosed with cancer from time of diagnosis to first phase of treatment?

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###### REPLY:

Treatment of different types of cancer differ by province, facility and type of cancer The estimated waiting period for patients diagnosed with cervical cancer ranges from 6-11 weeks and for prostate cancer 11-28 weeks.

Waiting times at selected hospitals such as Frere Hospital, Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital, Livingstone Hospital, Polokwane Hospital ranges between 6 to 8 weeks. In Tygerberg, Groote Schuur and Universitas Hospitals the waiting times are between 12-14 weeks.

We are currently conducting an audit on cancer services and the outcome will be made available once the audit is completed.

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