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

What is his department providing to each hospital to subsidise the shortage of infrastructure, including space, beds and equipment, considering the influx of patients due to Covid-19 at hospitals?

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**REPLY:**

Priority areas (hot-spots) have already been identified where the creation of surge capacity and additional bed-capacity was of critical importance. The National Department through its Emergency Health Infrastructure Unit is assisting the Provincial Departments of Health and provides capacity in order to create and implement additional surge and bed-capacity, by means of emergency repairs, upgrades, new installations, conversion of existing spaces and additional capacity through temporary emergency structures.

A Rapid Implementation Management team assists with the identification and assessment of sites in priority hotspot areas and assists with the planning and lay-out and utilization of the sites. The assessment and planning includes assessment from a clinical perspective but also architectural, electrical and mechanical engineering, health technology and other engineering services as may be required. Assessment reports of 28 facilities in Gauteng have been completed and various priority projects identified.

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