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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2255**

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**Mr A Matumba (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What are the reasons that the Figtree Clinic at Ward 11 in the Nkomazi Local Municipality was left in a dilapidated state since it was constructed without any maintenance and/or upgrades despite the increase in the population it serves;

(2) whether there are any plans to upgrade the specified clinic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2561E**

**REPLY:**

1. The Figtree clinic is not dilapidated. A major renovation was last done in 2017 and minor maintenance is done as and when the need arises. The current challenges are that it still has a pit latrine and the fence that has become worn.

The clinic has an average monthly headcount of 2445 visits, which equates to an average of 122 patients per day. It has 4 consultation rooms and uses the nurses’ home as an extension to accommodate the facility manager’s office and HIV testing, screening and counselling services.

1. Mpumalanga Department of Health has identified forty (40) projects for comprehensive maintenance and Figtree Clinic is one of the clinics to benefit. The renovation of the first batch of health facilities started in April to June 2023. Fig Tree clinic is falling under the second batch which will start from July to September 2023.

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