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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3115**

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**Dr A Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to his reply to question 2600 on 5 August 2015, (a) what is the estimated cost of building the new hospital, (b) what is the expected completion date and (c) how many patients is the new hospital going to accommodate?

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**REPLY:**

1. The estimated cost of building the new hospital will be determined once the relocation of the existing hospital has been finalised and planning of the new hospital is complete. As part of the agreement with the successful bidder, the successful bidder will relocate the hospital and build new hospital at his own cost.
2. The expected completion date will be determined once the relocation of the existing hospital has been finalised and planning of the new hospital is complete.
3. The existing hospital has 266 usable beds. The bed utilisation rate is currently 60%. 150 patients are currently admitted with 116 beds empty. The hospital will be relocated with the same bed capacity of 266 beds.

END.