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**3157. Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) (a) Why has the planned drug rehabilitation centre in Polokwane, Limpopo, not been opened yet and (b) what was the initial planned budget for the construction of the centre;

(2) has the building development exceeded the originally proposed costs; if so, (a) by how much have the building costs exceed the original budget amount and (b) why;

(3) when is it expected that the centre will be open? NW3700E

**Reply:**

(1) (a) The centre has not yet been opened because the construction is still in progress.

(b) The initial planned budget for the construction of the centre was R96 410 237.86

(2) Yes, the building development exceeded the originally proposed costs.

(a) The building costs was exceeded by an amount of R4 157 810.84

(b) The reason of exceeding the originally proposed building costs was due to an approved variation order for the extension of time which had cost implications.

(3) It is expected that the project be completed in September 2015, and will start admitting service users from 1st of November 2015.