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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms D Carter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) In view of the high incident levels of breast cancer and ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS), what is the statistics on the number of (a) reported cases across all hospitals for (i) stage 2 to 4 breast cancer and (ii) DCIS and (b) procedures undertaken for (i) double mastectomies, (ii) single mastectomies and (iii) lumpectomies in (aa) 2012, (bb) 2013 and (cc) 2014;

(2) does his department (a) train intern surgeons and (b) promote the performance of (i) reconstructive surgery and (ii) oncoplastic procedures; if not, why not, in each case, taking into consideration the dignity of and the emotional impact it has on a patient; if so, how many procedures were performed in the specified years?

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**REPLY:**

Honourable Member will remember that the Cancer Register has just been established in our country to try and record such statistics about Cancer.

It is only in April this year that National Treasury has started funding it directly from the fiscus rather than through the National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) as it were. But the training of Registers and reconstructive surgery is definitely going on.

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