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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 4100**

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**Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) What are the reasons that Oakley Clinic in Ward 24 Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga, has not yet been officially handed over despite having been completed in 2019 and (b) on what date will the clinic extend its operating hours to 24 hours as was promised? **NW5112E**

**REPLY:**

1. Oakley Clinic is not a new clinic. It was operating in a 2 x 2 meter roomed structure since 1965 and later in 2016, it was operating in an Innovation Building Technology (IBT) structure. A new site was sourced for construction of an Ideal Clinic and construction started on 20 November 2017. The contractor completed the project and handed it officially over to the Department on 08 June 2020. On 09 June 2020 the clinic took occupation of the structure, and it is operated as an 8-hour facility as gazetted.
2. A feasibility study to operationalize the facility as a 24-hour facility, has been conducted. This exercise resulted in a recommendation that an open space inside the facility should be converted into a Maternity Obstetric Unit. This will be considered pending the availability of funds in the 2024-2025 financial year.

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