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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 552**

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**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health: [104] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]:**

What are the relevant details of the anticipated (a) costs and (b) timelines to upgrade the electronic record-keeping system in public healthcare hospitals? **NW605E**

**REPLY:**

1. The development of an integrated portable Electronic Health Record (EHR) for Public Health Facilities will cost an estimate of R300 million per annum over the next five years. This solution will be available to all public and private health establishments and will result in a common portable health record for all users of the entire health system. The costs associated with the roll-out and implementation at scale inclusive of the ICT Infrastructure and change management for the users of the solution still need to be costed with the required detail. Based on industry practices it can be estimated that roll-out and implementation at scale, bare similar costs as the development of the HER software solution.
2. It will take approximate 5 years to develop the full solution and phased implementation, pending funding availability. The process will be governed through the National Health Information Systems Committee which is a multistakeholder sub-committee of the National Health Council.

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