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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 965**

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**Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) What is the progress on the revamping of the Nessie Knight Hospital in Qumbu, Eastern Cape, (b) what total number of patients are being treated in the hospital as in-patients as at the latest date for which information is available, (c) on what date is it envisaged that the hospital renovations will be completed and (d) what is the total budget allocated for the renovations?

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###### REPLY:

1. The contract for the renovations of Nessie Knight Hospital project has been cancelled due to non-performance by the contractor on 15 March 2019. The progress at this stage is at 9% on the renovation works. The contract start date was 12 July 2018 with the contract value of R37,67 million and incurred expenditure of R1,04 million. Currently there is no work happening because the contractor has abandoned the site. The Eastern Cape Provincial Department of Health is in the process of facilitating the appointment of a replacement contractor; however, some emergency works have been implemented to ensure that hospital services and operations are not disrupted.
2. The latest total number of in-patients that have been treated in the hospital is 1 022. This is according to the end of August 2019 statistics.
3. The Eastern Cape Department of Health plans to have the substitute contractor by March 2020 with the anticipated project completion date of April 2021.
4. The total budget allocated for the renovation is R38 million.

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