

GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

QUESTION PAPER (HOUSE ONLY)

Tuesday, 07 March 2023
(Question Day)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY TO THE EXECUTIVE (i.t.o Rule 134)

(i.t.o Rule 133(4) [♦ ♦ Questions carried over from the previous Question Day]

4.HL001

Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:

With regard to medical staff who were employed on contract to assist with the Covid epidemic, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many medical personnel are currently employed on these contracts;
- (ii) when do these contracts, or the majority of these contracts, come to an end;
- (iii) what will be the impact on hospital services when their contracts come to an end;
- (iv) how many of these medical personnel will be retained after 31 March this year; and
- (v) what steps are being taken to retain these staff in order to ensure adequate staffing at our hospitals?

4.HL002

Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:

With regard to the march by Tembisa Residents to Tembisa Hospital because of concerns about conditions at the hospital, would the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) from 01 February 2022 to-date, how many people have slept on the floors in casualty (please provide the breakdown per month from 01 February 2022 to-date);
- (ii) from 01 February 2022 to-date, how many people have slept on the floor in each of the other wards (please provide the breakdown per month for other wards from 01 February 2022 to-date);
- (iii) how long has the department known about the overcrowding challenges of Tembisa Hospital;
- (iv) when the MEC visited the hospital, the mental health patients were removed from the ward where they had been videotaped sleeping in inhuman conditions, where were they moved to; and

- (v) what measures are being implemented to deal with the overcrowding at Tembisa Hospital and by when?

4.HL003 Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:

With regards to the functionality of generators at Tembisa Hospital, would the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) from 01 January 2022 to end January 2023, how many times did the hospital run out of diesel for the generators;
- (ii) please state the dates and times that the generators ran out of diesel;
- (iii) for how long were the generators off each time this happened;
- (iv) were there any deaths as a direct result of the generators not having any diesel; and
- (v) how many patients have died as a result of this during this period?

4.INF001 Hon. A J Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:

With regards to the functionality of generators at Tembisa Hospital, would the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) from 01 January 2022 to end January 2023, how many times did the hospital run out of diesel for the generators;
- (ii) please state the date and time that the generators ran out of diesel;
- (iii) for how long were the generators off each time this happened;
- (iv) were there any deaths as a direct result of the generators not having any diesel; and
- (v) how many patients have died from this during this period?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR ORAL EXPLANATION & TABLING IN THE HOUSE (i.t.o Rule 137(5) [****** Request for extension of time (i.t.o Rule 137(2))] (i.t.o Rule 133(4))
[♦ ♦ Questions carried over from the previous Question Day]

MEC FOR HEALTH:

5.HL007 Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:

With regard to the attached information concerning apparent irregularities concerning a contract at the South Rand Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the response of the hospital in this matter;
- (ii) what independent investigation will be made on this matter;
- (iii) if not, why not; and
- (iv) what action will be taken in this matter concerning any apparent irregularities?

Attachment

Thokomala Mobility Services (Pty)Ltd has a contract for items from 1 October 2020 to 30 June 2023. (RT40-2019).

The walking sticks and other mobility aids that South Rand Hospital has purchased are on contract and were obtained through quotations. Quoted prices are allegedly higher than the price of the contract and negotiations were irregularly done with one supplier only.

Financial Implication

498,000.00

Need for investigation

Investigations to be conducted, the senior store employee needs to have forbidden their team from accepting the items, and the GRV Procedure wasn't meant to be a process. Why the products were received, and why was the GRV Process used? An official processing GRV is required to verify that all items comply with the contract before processing, and the store supervisor is required to cancel the order and refuses to accept the goods. One of the cornerstones of procurement is transparency. If there is a contract in place, they must purchase from that provider; otherwise, talks can only be conducted with one supplier and the supply chain is not allowed to diverge from its policies and processes.

5.HL008

Hon. K G Tong (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:

With regard to patients with mental illness and their admissions at public healthcare facilities such as Leratong Hospital and other hospitals across the province for psychiatric treatment, can the MEC respond to the following

- (i) how many hospital beds are allocated to this particular ward that accommodates patients with mental problems (in your response, please indicate if beds allocation is enough given the number of patients being admitted to this hospital);
- (ii) how long does it take for patients to be transferred to psychiatric hospitals for proper healthcare after their assessment have been concluded at other public hospitals;
- (iii) how many patients were admitted at all public health hospitals for mental assessment in the 2021/22 FY (in your response please indicate how many of these patients fully recovered got discharged, and how many were referred for admission at psychiatric hospitals after their assessment);
- (iv) with regards to Leratong Hospital, are there enough beds for patients who are mentally unstable;
- (v) when is the department going to fix those dilapidated wards;
- (vi) are all healthcare employees who are assigned to wards that accommodate mentally unstable patients, such as Leratong hospital, properly trained to take care of patients in this condition, and what measures are there to guarantee their safety;
- (vii) does the department have any programmes available for families with mentally ill patients to cope through this ordeal (if yes, please outline what assistance is been offered to these families); and
- (viii) are there enough facilities for mental-ill patients in the province?

MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

5.SD008

Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

With regard to Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs), would the MEC please respond to the following:

- (i) what is the process for an NPO to successfully apply for a subsidy from the department;
- (ii) are there different criteria used to determine the eligibility of an NPO for funding and if so, please provide in detail the different criteria applied for each NPO sector;
- (iii) how long does it take to finalize an application process;

- (iv) please provide a list of all the applicants that applied for funding in the past 5 financial years and that were approved; and
- (v) please provide a list of all the applicants that applied for funding in the past 5 financial years and that were not approved and provide reasons for their exclusion;
- (vi) once eligible and approved for funding, for what period of time is this registration period valid for each of the different NPO sectors;
- (viii) what other criteria or application processes need to be approved or signed after the application process has been approved;
- (viii) are SLAs signed every year by NPOs and if so, why, if the application process has already been successfully approved and the applicant successfully registered; and
- (ix) what criteria are required for the SLA to be approved for each NPO sector?