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MR G R MORGAN (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) (a) What budget was requested by each specified provincial health department for funding for the hospital revitalisation project for the 2007/08 financial year and (b) what amount was granted to each of these departments by the National Treasury;
- (2) whether the funding requirements of the World Cup Soccer Tournament in 2010 were a factor in decreased allocations to any provinces for this project; if not, what other requirements necessitated the decreased allocations; if so, what are the relevant details? **N288E**

REPLY:

- (1) (a) Budget requests from individual provincial departments are not part of the national budget process. The funding of hospital revitalization projects takes place through a conditional grant administered by the national Department of Health. All requests for hospital projects get submitted to the Department of Health, which in turn consolidates them before submitting a composite request through the national budget process. Against this background, the Department of Health would be better placed to deal with this question.
- (b) In the 2007 MTEF an additional R1 billion has been added to the Hospital Revitalisation programme. Of this amount R200 million was added to the 2007/08 financial year while R300 million was added to 2008/09. With these changes, allocations to this programme rise by 25% and 20% in the first two years of the MTEF. This brings the proposed grant allocation to R1,9 billion in 2007/08 and R2,58 billion in 2009/10 (Table 1). This amounts to a doubling of the grant in 2007/08 as compared to actual 2005/06 spending, and the grant almost tripling by 2009/10.

Table 1. Trends in grant allocations

	05/06 expenditure	06/07 DORA	07/08	08/09	09/10	Total
Hospital Revitalisation grant	931	1,440	1,907	2,283	2,582	9,142

- (2) From the above explanation it should be abundantly clear that no funds have been taken away for the Hospital Revitalisation programme. On the contrary more money has been allocated to the programme.