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Roads and Public Works
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MEDIA RESPONSE

Media enquiry: New Mental Hospital

The delay in payment was caused by the ongoing negotiations regarding the completion of the project. The department is acknowledging challenges with regards to the payment which affected the production on site. We are in the process of resolving the challenges between National and Provincial Departments of Health and ourselves. Upon finalization a full report will be provided. The negotiations have indeed been finalized regarding the contract and the date, further discussions are being held.

The site has not been closed down (production did not come to a standstill) and no instruction to do so have been received or issued. Securing the site remains the responsibility of the department.

We note that some of the questions asked relate to previous questions posted by the journalist and the department responded accordingly.

Ms. Crystal Robertson

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

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