

MEDIA RESPONSE

Media enquiry: Contractor at the Mental Hospital not being paid

We acknowledge there have been some disputes on certificates submitted, hence the delay to pay the contractor. The Department of Roads and Public Works has been consulting all stakeholders in an effort to resolve the problem and the last consultation sessions will be with the contractor and National Health and this is aimed at stabilising the situation on site. The relationship between the Department and the contractor has improved so much that we are confident tomorrow's session will bring a lasting solution. The project is 90% complete for the first time ever and it is in the interest of both parties to find an urgent solution so that we do not lose on these gains.

The department hopes the situation returns to normal by next week.

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