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SAHRC subpoenas MEC Sibongiseni Dhlomo over oncology

The South African Human Rights Commission subpoenaed the MEC of Health for KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), Hon. Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, to provide an update on the KZN oncology crisis. The hearing which was held at the SAHRC head office, in Johannesburg, on 14 May 2017 is part of the SAHRC's investigation into the oncology crisis in KZN which was reported as a complaint during February 2016.

The MEC and his delegation revealed that cancer machines procurement irregularities, which are at the centre of oncology crisis, started as far back as 2008.

In June 2017 the SAHRC found that the KZN Department of Health violated cancer patients' rights to health. The report stated among others that "the delays in the provision of, and in some cases the denial of, oncology services to cancer patients, some of whom are destitute and in need of health care, affects them in a most fundamental way".

Below are the video highlights of the hearing

SAHRC Chairperson Bongani Majola on why MEC Sibongiseni Dhlomo was subpoenaed over oncology.



SAHRC Chairperson Bongani Majola says that the subpoena hearing is aimed at ascertaining progress regarding the implementation of the Commission's recommendations.



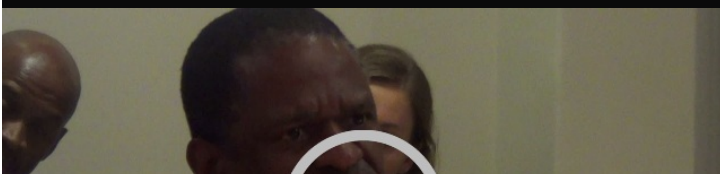
Cancer patients wait between 4 - 6 months before receiving cancer treatments - Musa Gumede, KZN Department of Health.



Cancer machines procurement irregularities started in 2008, Dr Sibusiso Dhlomo, KZN Health MEC.



KZN Dept of Health stopped sending patients to Parkland Private hospital under the impression that it would be able to treat all patients, MEC Sibusiso Dhlomo.



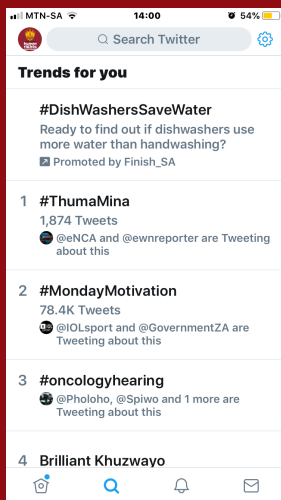


SAHRC will make a decision subsequent to studying all the information provided by the KZN Health Department, during the subpoena hearing, SAHRC CEO Tseliso Thipanyane.



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to train more oncologists due to the crisis.



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