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Operating Theatres out of action

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Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper has asked for immediate answers from Minister for Health Morris Iemma after learning of a delay to repair works in operating theatres at Tamworth Base Hospital.

The theatres were closed in mid-May to conduct repairs on an air-conditioning unit and were due to be back in operation at the end of this week.

“It is a real concern that these operating theatres will not re-open at the end of this week but I understand the contractors carrying out the work have come up against unexpected problems,” Mr Draper said.

“This is work that needs to be carried out but I will ask Minister for Health Morris Iemma to explain why there has been a delay and why the problems were not seen earlier.”

“I want to see these operating theatres back up and running as soon as possible and I will ask the NSW Government to fix the problem as a matter of urgency.”

The work is now expected to be completed in mid-August.

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