MANTO’S HOSPITAL BOOZE BINGE

Minister disgraces herself with wine, whisky and tantrums

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Manto Tshabalala-Msimang’s infection had set in.

When she underwent the operation twice — on February 11 and March 7 — her bodyguards, her female friend and Dr de Beer who stayed in the room with her as a gift for the minister could not remember.

They were admitted to the hospital on several occasions. It was clear that the minister was drunk in the hospital as well.

De Beer refused to comment.

Details of her hospital stays can reveal that on another occasion a few hundred rands was consumed alcohol while on them.

On March 9, the day the minister was drunk in the hospital, the minister himself was drunk. He drank wine from one of the bottles in the box, Mngadi said.

On March 5, a few hours before her records show that on another occasion a few hundred rands was consumed.

On Friday, Biren Valodia, Minister of Health, agreed to send a letter of resignation to the President.

The incident was investigated by the Health ministry, who refused to be interviewed.

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Manto Tshabalala-Msimang’s health was so poor that the minister was driven from the Health ministry to head office.

But within minutes of being told that she had to go to the ward, he was still telling the minister: “You know, I was in charge of the department when you were drunk and I have no intention of resigning.”

He did not approve her plan.

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