

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2010**

Question

What managerial reforms, if any, have been implemented in the General Hospital and allied services subsequent to the appointment of the Interim Hospital Director?

What have been the cost savings of these reforms?

Answer

The new role of Hospital Director has provided a clear focus for all hospital matters and its creation was a key recommendation of the Verita Report.

Since the appointment of the Interim Managing Director in May I am happy to report that there has been a significant enhancement to the day-to-day leadership, governance and financial management and control in the Hospital.

He has created a clinical leadership structure that will result in clinicians being fully involved in decision making in the future and will put them in the majority on the new Hospital Board.

Clear leadership has put a renewed emphasis on patient safety, clinical standards and risk management in everything that is done in the Hospital and this is demonstrated by the creation of the powerful new Care Quality Group.

His revised management structure provides a clear scheme of delegation for budgets on clinical service lines and he has dispensed with the old divisions.

As a result of these managerial reforms, and the hard work and dedication of the staff, there has been the reduction over the last three months of the forecast budget overspend for hospital services to a forecast breakeven position. This new financial discipline will underpin the prudent use of the necessary investment still to be made.