

2.5 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the total cost of the suspension of the surgeon who was suspended/excluded on 2nd February 2009:

Given that the figure stated by the Minister on 22nd June 2010 was £450,079, will she inform Members of the total cost of the suspension of the surgeon who was suspended/excluded on 2nd February 2009 and would she advise whether the individual concerned has now retired and if so, when?

Deputy A.E. Pryke of Trinity (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

The total cost of ensuring that services to patients and waiting times are maintained was £789,340. I can confirm that the doctor concerned has now retired.

2.5.1 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier:

Would the Minister confirm that included in those costs was the cost of the 2-year police health and safety investigation surrounding the performance, the cost of a leading Q.C. (Queen's Counsel) who was hired by the Attorney General to provide that advice and the cost of various expert witnesses, and the cost of a professor who looked as a result of the case into the management of surgeons at the hospital. Would she confirm that all those costs have been included and if not, what were they?

The Deputy of Trinity:

No, I cannot confirm that. The report that the Deputy is talking about was commissioned and funded by the Health and Safety Executive.

2.5.2 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier:

Would the Minister bring those full costs back to the House so that the enormity of what has occurred can be brought to our attention? Secondly, could she tell the House what lessons have been learned from this particular period?

The Deputy of Trinity:

It is very difficult because the Health and Safety Executive comes under the remit of Social Security, so I would not have those figures. And lessons? Well, as in anything, there are always lessons to be learned; how we can do things and how we can improve, and the day I stop learning I will be out of this job.