

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th JANUARY 2013**

Question

Would the Minister advise whether the 'contribution from the Health and Social Services budget' referred to by the Chief Minister in his statement on 4th December 2012 with regard to funding nurses' pay awards, includes any component from the Health Insurance Fund transfer recently approved by the Assembly?

Answer

The contribution referred to by the Chief Minister does not include any monies from the Health Insurance Fund (HIF) transfer. The budget contribution towards the nurses pay award comes from funds within HSSD's MTFP budget which were specifically earmarked for investment in nursing.

As previously reported to the Assembly, the transfer to HSSD from the HIF is to fund primary care services, for example Family Nursing and Home Care services, and is independently audited by the Treasury.