2.15 Deputy A.E. Jeune of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the engagement of interim/short-term/temporary staff at Heath and Social Services from outside of the Island:

Would the Minister advise whether persons have been engaged within Health and Social Services from outside the Island other than the 2 directors and the Chief Executive on an interim, short-term, temporary basis since 1st May 2010? If so, would she undertake to provide full written details to Members regarding the positions concerned, contractual terms and total costs?

The Deputy of Trinity (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

Health and Social Services is a diverse organisation, delivering complex services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. To operate effectively we need people with highly specialised skills and experience. This can be on both a full-time or temporary basis. This is standard practice for health and social services organisations across all other jurisdictions. I am happy to provide written details of the roles and responsibilities of non-clinical staff but I will not, of course, provide sensitive or personal information.

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2.15.1 Deputy A.E. Jeune:

Would this information include whether there is a position within the A. and E. (Accident and Emergency) Department and whether in fact this is an interim manager, and also whether there is somebody in Health doing procurement and, similarly, I.T. (information technology) and whether these people have been recruited in recent past?

The Deputy of Trinity:

As I said, I am happy to provide the non-clinical staff but, if I remember rightly, the Deputy was saying about a manager in the A. and E. Department. That is clinical staff and if she wants me to provide that, then that is a huge piece of work because the request is back to May 2010 and it will include locums, agency nurses, *et cetera*. I can provide job titles of non-clinical staff plus information relating to whether it is a fixed-term, temporary contract of employment or contract of services and the total cost across all these posts. It is a big piece of work but I will do it.

2.15.2 Deputy A.E. Jeune:

If I may, is the Minister therefore saying that the management beneath the Hospital Director for A. and E. is either a nurse or a doctor?

The Deputy of Trinity:

I do not quite understand by what she means by "underneath the Hospital Director for A. and E." If the Deputy is looking at nurse managers, there are quite a few nurses who are managers because they manage the ward or they manage an area. But that is clinical staff.

2.15.3 Deputy A.E. Jeune:

Therefore, there is no administrative manager for A. and E? Is that that the Deputy is saying? Similarly, when she does provide us with the written answer could she also please address question 5 at the meeting of Deputy Higgins' written question, question 1240, in respect of the £600 savings that have been made at Health, which have not been identified in that written question?

The Deputy of Trinity:

For clarity, if the Deputy would email me with her specific question I will answer it and I will include it to all States Members.