2.11 Deputy M.R. Higgins of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the salaries and remuneration packages of the senior management team at Health:

Following public concern over salaries within the hospitals, will the Minister publish the salaries and remuneration packages of the senior management team in all areas of her department, including Social Services, listed by job title?

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

In reality this is the responsibility of the States Employment Board. For clarity, I am very happy to refer the Deputy to R.72/2010, and here it is, which published details of senior salaries in pay bands.

2.11.1 Deputy M.R. Higgins:

Doest the Minister not accept that while the public has got confidence and support for frontline hospital staff, it has very little confidence in the senior management of the department, which according to a recent P.A.C. (Public Accounts Committee) report did not even know the cost of an occupied bed, and that the public would like to be able to judge their performance against the remuneration levels?

The Deputy of Trinity:

The good Deputy is conflating a couple of different issues. The cost of beds, yes, we do not know; that is why it is important that the strategic roadmap identifies... and that is why Health economics is so vital and so important. Regarding salary paying, it comes under the States Employment Board and I will comply like any other Minister and every other department with that request from the S.E.B. (States Employment Board). But in that R.70 it did go by pay band and included all the staff over £70,000 wage packet in every department.

2.11.2 Deputy T.M. Pitman:

I am sure we are all getting confused because I certainly am. Could the Minister, in answering the Deputy's question, give a breakdown of how many of those individuals are contract for services and how many are salaries? I think that would help all of us.

The Deputy of Trinity:

At this moment in time I cannot because I do not have that information in front of me.

Deputy T.M. Pitman:

Can the Minister provide that at a later date, please?

The Deputy of Trinity:

Yes, I can provide that.