

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2011**

Question

Would the Minister give details of the number of Consultants and/or Doctors and Senior Nursing staff on restricted clinical duties, and advise whether they are in receipt of full pay or reduced pay, broken down into –

- (i) the length of time each or any of the above has been placed on restricted clinical duties;
- (ii) number of any locums bought in to cover duties not being presently performed by the Consultants or doctors;
- (iii) the cost to the department of locums required to cover (ii) above;
- (iv) the number of any additional senior nurses bought in to cover any short fall in numbers caused by senior nursing staff on restricted clinical duties, as above, and costs?

Answer

There are currently four consultants and/or Doctors on restricted duties. All are on full pay. There are no Senior Nurses on restricted clinical duties.

- (i) The length of time that they have been placed on restricted duties varies from 5 months to 30 months. Note: This is longer than the 23 months previously reported, which was incorrect due to an omission of an earlier period of restricted practice, identified following further investigation, for one individual.
- (ii) As a result of (i) above, further analysis of both the number and cost of locums is being carried out and this information will be circulated at the next States sitting.
- (iii) There are currently no senior nurses on restricted clinical duties.