

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2017**

Question

Will the Chief Minister state –

- (a) whether an informal meeting of Ministers and others took place on 19th May 2017 to discuss the funding of the new General Hospital and, if so, the names of those who were present, as well as the names of those who decided that ‘Future Hospital Funding Strategy’ (P.130/2016), as amended, should be withdrawn, thereby delaying the hospital funding debate, and if not, why not;
- (b) whether a formal decision was taken by the Council of Ministers to ratify the decision to withdraw P.130/2016 and, if so, when it was taken and in what form it was taken (i.e. physical meeting, conference call or email exchange); and
- (c) if a formal decision was not taken by the Council of Ministers, when and how Ministers were notified of the decision that P.130/2016 would be withdrawn?

Answer

The Minister for Treasury and Resources called a meeting on Friday 19th May to discuss the funding of the hospital. The meeting was attended by Treasury officials, members of the Treasury Advisory Panel, a private individual with relevant expertise, advisors from the UK, the Health and Social Services Minister and myself.

On Monday 22nd May Ministers attending their weekly, informal ministerial meeting discussed the possible withdrawal of the hospital funding proposal.

A formal decision was not taken by the Council of Ministers as the proposition had been lodged by the Minister for Treasury and Resources and it therefore had to be his decision to withdraw it.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources notified States Members by email on 22nd May and by statement to the States Assembly on 23rd May.