

2.19 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the cost of the Interim Hospital Managing Director in December 2010:

Once more into the breach. Why was £26,000 estimated for the cost of the Interim Hospital Managing Director in December 2010? Was that sum paid? If not, why not?

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

As I have made plain, this was an inaccurate estimate which was wrongly multiplied into an annual sum. My written answers set out all the facts and I have really nothing more to add other than to urge Members to support the Hospital Director in the delivery of a safe and sustainable hospital.

2.19.1 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier:

Would the Minister then clarify the point in the memo from herself and her high-spending Assistant Minister that the response to the question included a sum of £26,000 for December 2010? This was an estimated maximum cost. How was the maximum and the minimum determined in those circumstances?

The Deputy of Trinity:

This was a direct result of a question asked of the Chief Minister regarding the department's salaries and, as I said, it was an estimated figure to give a figure to put into the written questions and it went back over the months that the Interim Director had been in place.

2.19.2 Deputy A.E. Jeune:

I heard the Minister for Health and Social Services earlier say that this was an annual sum that had been used. Could the Minister please tell us the annual sum of what, or for what that it was?

The Deputy of Trinity:

As I said, the estimate was wrongly multiplied into an annual sum and that was the figure that was wrongly put out.

2.19.3 Deputy A.E. Jeune:

Was that the £26,000 that was the wrong sum?

The Deputy of Trinity:

No, the £26,000 was the estimated figure that was put in as a request for the written question to the Chief Minister.

2.19.4 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier:

At the risk of boring the Minister, could she explain to the House why a maximum sum was put in December, and how did it differ from the sums put in for the other months?

The Deputy of Trinity:

It was the maximum figure because at that time in December we had not had the invoice through, so that is the reason why it was an estimated figure.