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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2017

Question

Will the Minister advise what definitions he and his Department use for 'hospital' and 'health campus' and will he explain whether the funding being requested for the future Hospital includes provision for the building of a health campus; and will he provide a list of the items which are to be paid for from the budget for the future Hospital directly relating to the Hospital and hospital services, rather than other services which would be provided on a health campus?

Answer

No formal option has been put forward to develop a 'health campus' per se. It is only a vision or concept at this stage and no formal costings have been done. It would be about considering over time the development of the current site in a way that could see, for example, complementary services in close proximity to the Future Hospital – perhaps research and care facilities provided by the independent sector. But any of these opportunities would require a separate business case, with the funding independent of HSSD and the future hospital project, and needing to be considered and tested in the Island Plan.

Therefore, the development of a 'health campus' adjacent to the proposed Future Hospital is outside the scope of the Future Hospital project and the Future Hospital budget does not currently include any funding for services that would be provided on a 'health campus'.