

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY  
THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Question**

In light of the fact that Verita's terms of reference require it to "review the main actions taken by the Health and Social Services in response to the death of Mrs Elizabeth Rourke including its own interim internal investigation. This will include establishing whether or not there are any significant omissions to the investigation and, if so, exploring these" -

- a) Would the Minister give details of the 'main actions taken' and inform members whether they included the instant dismissal of the Locum Consultant Gynaecologist, and if so, for what reasons exactly?
- b) Would the Minister inform members whether any financial package was agreed, if so, at what cost to the public?

**Answer**

- a) I can confirm that the surgeon in question was employed as a Locum Middle Grade Doctor at the time of the incident on 17 October 2006. This Doctor was not dismissed, but voluntarily left the temporary employment of Health and Social Services. The contract of employment as a Locum Middle Grade Doctor was, in any event, due to expire on 19th October 2006.
- b) I can confirm that no financial package was agreed for the Locum Middle Grade Doctor, other than payment for the remaining few days of her contract of temporary employment.