

Question on Notice
No. 5
Asked on 13 February 2013

MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of (a) the modelling conducted by the government to determine the average cost to patients of the government's decision to start charging for clinical consumables such as syringes, IV lines, dressings and bandages and (b) full costs that patients will be charged for all clinical consumables for a typical tertiary hospital?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Bundamba for her question.

The Government has not undertaken any modelling to determine the costs to patients of providing clinical consumables such as syringes, IV lines, dressings and bandages.

Similarly, the Government has not made a decision to start charging for clinical consumables such as syringes, IV lines, dressings and bandages.

Any decision to more efficiently deliver front line services is a matter for local determination by Hospital and Health Boards.

If the Honourable Member has a question about the decision of a particular board, I would be happy to seek advice on her behalf.