

## Question on Notice

No. 283

Asked on 1 April 2025

**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

### QUESTION

With reference to Health Service Directive QH-HSD-058 (the Directive) and the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 39 asked on 18 February 2025 (the QoN)—

Will the Minister advise (a) when did the consultation referred to in the QoN response commence, and at what time on the morning of Tuesday 28 January 2025 was it completed, (b) when was a draft of the Directive circulated to each HHS, (c) was the draft of the Directive referred to in (b) prepared by the Minister or the chief executive and (d) did the Minister direct the chief executive to either draft or circulate the draft directive and, if so, when?

### ANSWER

- a) The Chief Executive may develop and issue Health Service Directives to Hospital and Health Services for prescribed purposes under section 47 of the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011*. I understand that prior to issuing the Directive, the Chief Executive formally consulted with all Hospital and Health Service Chief Executives. A meeting was scheduled from 10:00am on Tuesday 28 January 2025 and I am advised that it concluded at 10:21am. The Health Service Directive was shared, read through in detail, and discussed collectively at the meeting.
- b) I am advised that following that consultation process, the final version of the Directive was issued to Hospital and Health Services at 10:58 am on Tuesday 28 January 2025.
- c) The Directive was developed and issued by the Chief Executive.
- d) I did not direct the Chief Executive to draft or circulate the Directive.