

REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, HEALTH AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

**555. Mr WALDRON to the Minister for Health:**

Can the minister table a list of the new health and administrative functions regional health services have been given for this financial year and the cost of those functions?

**Mr KUCERA replied:**

I am happy for the member to put that matter on notice. I will supply those details. It is a complicated issue. The vast majority of managers whom I have met so far are responsible; their boards are looking towards providing the best services. It is a tight budget year; nobody denies that or that pressure is being placed on all parts of the health service. However, I expect hospital boards to supply the services for which the Government has funded them.