I would be grateful if you answer the following questions:

1. The total amount paid in waiting list initiative payments (and other higher rate additional payments for weekend and evening work) to consultants for the following financial years: 2016-17, and 2017-18.

2. The five highest totals of such payments in question one paid to individual consultants, for the following financial years: 2016-17, and 2017-18.

3. The maximum hourly rate and the minimum hourly rate for such payments for each of the following financial years: 2016-17, and 2017-18.

4. a) The number of individual consultants (headcount) who received such payments;
   b) The total number of consultants (headcount) working in your health board; at the end of each of the following financial years: 2016-17, and 2017-18.

5. The amount paid to private sector providers to carry out routine procedures and the number of procedures carried out for each of the following financial years: 2016-17, and 2017-18.

Please find attached the Health Board’s response to this request, as these questions have recently been requested.