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PQ 54094/23* To ask the Minister for Health the number of properties owned by the HSE, by location, use and value, in tabular form; and the number of these which are vacant and the length of vacancy. -Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Due to the recent industrial action by management and administrative grade staff in Forsa union in the HSE, there were delays in the processing and answering of Parliamentary Questions. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

As at December 2023, there were 1,697 HSE owned properties with 3,144 buildings recorded on the database. Appendix 1 (attached) provides this listing by location, use and status. These buildings range in age from pre-18th century to modern purpose-built facilities. The health estate is varied and complex, ranging from small health centres in rural locations to very large acute hospitals. The estate is actively managed and changes constantly.

The HSE actively manages the portfolio including the disposal of identified surplus assets and has 183 vacant properties as at 28th February 2024 that are classified as vacant and collated an itemised list as per Appendix 2 (attached):

Vacant Status	
In Disposal	90
Vacant Under Review	32
Retained Assets	61
Total	183



Vacant properties are classified under 3 categories as follows:

In Disposal (First Tab); These properties are surplus to the HSE's requirement and are in various stages of disposal:

Vacant under Review (Second Tab); these properties are currently under review and are being considered for retention/reuse or disposal.

Retained Assets (Third Tab); Properties that are vacant and have been retained for varying reasons. Decisions, informed by Service Management are based on an understanding of current or future healthcare service needs in the relevant area. A building may be vacated by one service with a view to refurbishment for an alternative use, or a property may be maintained for future service expansion at a specific location for demographic or service requirements. They may be vacant/derelict buildings in the middle of larger health care campus which currently preclude the HSE from disposing of this building in isolation.

Appendix 2 also includes the following information:

- ***Location;*** Site Name, Block Name & County.
- ***Length of vacancy;*** this information has been provided where available
- ***Size;*** Gross Internal Area in square meters.
- ***Condition;*** HSE Capital & Estates have categorised the condition of each property as follows:
 - **Poor:** Significant investment required or derelict.
 - **Fair:** Minor investment required.
 - **Good:** Little or no investment required.
- ***Comment;*** General commentary on the status of the property.



The HSE does not routinely conduct market valuations of its properties that are Vacant under Review or Retained Assets. Valuations, are available for most properties that are in the In Disposal process. This valuation information is commercially sensitive and therefore is not provided.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

Brian O'Connell
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