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PQ 44546/23* To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE-owned sites which are vacant or derelict; the locations of such sites; and the duration for which they have been vacant or derelict, in tabular form. - Ivana Bacik

PQ 54558/23* To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE owns properties or sites which are vacant or derelict; if so, the number and addresses of such properties; if they are recorded on the vacancy or dereliction registers; and the reason for which they are not in use, in tabular form. - Ivana Bacik

PQ 55048/23* To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant and derelict properties and sites that are owned by his Department; his plans to bring each of these properties and sites into use; where no plans are in place, the reasons why; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Ivana Bacik

PQ 10432/24* To ask the Minister for Health if he will make a statement on progress to convert into use vacant properties under the ownership of his Department and the HSE; and if he will list the units in respect of which such work has commenced, in tabular form. -Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

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.

I propose to answer your four Parliamentary Questions in this response. 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 1 (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 1 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.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian O'Connell
Interim National Director
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