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Dear Deputy Costello,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**To ask the Minister for Health how many people are currently participating in the fair deal scheme, and how many of them are in receipt of rental income on their main home/principal residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

During December 2023 there were 23,285 persons recorded in the Fair Deal Scheme of which 52 persons were in receipt of rental income on their private principal residence at a rate of 40%.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ultan Hynes".

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Ultan Hynes  
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