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Deputy Denis Naughten
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PQ 4953/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed in a model 2 hospital based on data from the HSE healthcare pricing office; the total number of beds in each model 2 hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Denis Naughten

PQ 4954/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed in a model 3 hospital based on data from the HSE healthcare pricing office; the total number of beds in each model 3 hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Denis Naughten

PQ 4955/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed in a model 4 hospital based on data from the HSE healthcare pricing office; the total number of beds in each model 4 hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have been advised by HSE Finance, Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) that there is a figure based on 2022 data now, and it is €1,202.

This figure of €1,202 represents the in-patient cost of a hospital bed including costs associated with:

- Clinical staffing
- Theatres
- Laboratories
- Non-clinical staffing
- Cleaning, maintenance and other running costs

The €1,202 is a 'fully-absorbed' cost which means it includes all treatment and care costs (such as diagnostics, theatres etc.) as well as running costs such as heating and lighting, servicing equipment etc. but excludes capital and depreciation. It does not include other associated hospital costs such as day case, outpatient and emergency department costs.

This cost is a national average across all nights, all hospitals and all types of inpatient cases from the most routine to the most complex.

Please see attached excel file provided by the HSE Business Intelligence Unit (BIU):
Subject: Average Inpatient Beds for Model 4 Hospitals 2022.

I am awaiting figures for Model 2 and 3 Hospitals and will forward as soon as received. As noted by HSE HPO the figure of €1,202 is a national average across all nights, all hospitals and all types of inpatient cases from the most routine to the most complex.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline McNulty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a stylized 'M'.

Jacqueline McNulty
General Manager
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