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1st March 2024

PQ 7840/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing ten extra memory technology resource rooms

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response.

The Memory Technology Resource Rooms (MTRR) are a nationwide service for people living with dementia and people living with memory problems. MTRR services demonstrate a large range of Assistive Technologies (AT) that are designed to support and compensate for memory and cognitive challenges. At present individual clients and their families must purchase any relevant AT which has been identified.

As per target 33 in the Dementia Model of Care (2023), every Memory Technology Resource Room should be staffed by at least one senior fulltime Occupational Therapist in order to provide a range of post- diagnostic supports in the community as well as fulfil the functions of the MTRR around understanding and access to assistive technologies. Synergies between the MTRR and MASS / RSMCs should be encouraged as part of the post-diagnostic pathway.

Table 1 outlines the estimated full-year cost of providing ten additional MTRR's using the latest HSE post cost calculator. Please note this does not include accommodation costs.

Table 1: Cost of 10 Additional Memory Technology Resource Rooms

Detail	WTE	FYC Cost (€)
Cost of Assistive Technologies/Equipment (for demonstration purposes only)	N/A	€30,000
Occupational Therapist, Senior	10	€708,060
	Total Cost	€738,060



I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Crowley', is written over a horizontal line.

**Geraldine Crowley,
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