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Deputy Ring,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 30106/24 To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE would consider the provision of equipment (details supplied) in certain circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Ring Ask that battery-operated sleep apnoea machines be provided to people in areas where numerous power cuts are happening right throughout the year.

- Michael Ring

Dear Deputy Ring,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 30106/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In terms of minimising the environmental impact of our services, making the best use of valuable financial resources, and the significantly increased maintenance requirement associated with providing an alternative power source for our equipment, backup power supplies will only be provided where there is a clear clinical need identified and are not provided as standard.

The electricity networks operate a scheme that allows individuals who have electrically powered essential medical equipment (or their families/carers) to register as such. This scheme helps ensure that during any planned power cut that these individuals are not deprived of supply, and that any unplanned loss of supply is restored without delay. We would advise any service user with electrically powered essential medical equipment to make contact with their electricity provider and have themselves included on this register.

I trust this is of assistance.

Seán McArt

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