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**PQ 32889/24\*To ask the Minister for Health the projected cost of delivering 1,500 additional acute beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith**

Dear Deputy Smith,

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

A large number of factors have a bearing on the estimated new build capital cost of an acute hospital bed. These include such considerations as to whether the project is entirely new construction or includes some element of refurbishment; the extent of enabling, decant and site preparation works; extent of Infection Prevention Control measures; scope of development and economies of scale; site specific considerations including site risks, planning conditions; and the scope of related ancillary upgrade of refurbishment works necessary to the successful operation of the beds provided.

In addition to the above, external factors such as inflation rates, supply chain issues & availability of resources can influence the capital costs of such projects. For high level budgetary purposes only, a cost as indicated below could be considered a reasonable current capital cost with cost base dates as indicated.



It should be noted that this high level budgetary cost range per bed relates to the in-patient / ward accommodation, and does not account for key clinical departments such as radiology, operating departments, neurology etc; which are project specific and sit outside of this cost range.

**Acute in patient bed - €0.75m to €1.3m per bed**

Yours sincerely

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