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Deputy Sorca Clarke,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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.

PQ 45650/24

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing 1,000 additional intensive homecare packages. -Sorca Clarke

The Home Support Service is funded by Government to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan. It is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on assessment of the person's needs by the HSE, having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the service.

Demand for home support continues to increase due to population growth and the increasing dependency of the growing numbers of people aged ≥80years, within the over 65 years' cohort. The home support service is managed by the local Home Support Management Team within each Community Healthcare Organisation/Health Region to ensure that this key service is available at the required times, in a flexible way and at the appropriate standard to support clients' assessed needs.

With regard to your query in relation to the cost of providing 1,000 Intensive Home Care Packages, please note that the cost for same annually would be in the region of €100m.

In addition to the provision of Intensive Home Care Packages, the HSE continues to provide mainstream Home Support and other appropriate community based supports such as day care, respite etc. to people whose needs have been assessed as requiring these supports and within available resources.

Yours sincerely,

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