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Mr. Cathal Crowe T.D.  
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**RE: PQ Ref: 39828/24**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer of increasing the number of funded places in clinical psychology doctorate training by five, ten, 15, and 20 places.**

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Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE sponsors trainees in five Irish clinical psychology programmes, paying a salary and 60% of their fees. The total length of training for each trainee is three years, with each trainee undertaking at the outset to complete three years of employment with the HSE post-qualification.

The average fees payable by the HSE to clinical psychology programmes is €8,762 per trainee per annum (based on the current fee structure of the five programmes). The average salary of clinical psychology trainees is €48,925 pa.

Assuming 10% non-pay costs and accounting for employers' PRSI at 11.05%, below is an overview of the total costs to the exchequer for an additional 5,10, 15, & 20 clinical psychology trainees.

Costs €	5 trainees x 3 years	10 trainees x 3 years	15 trainees x 3 years	20 trainees x 3 years
<b>Salary (based on mid-point of scale €45,663)</b>	684,945	1,369,890	2,054,835	2,739,780
<b>PRSI</b>	75,686	151,373	227,059	302,746
<b>Non-pay</b>	7,569	15,137	22,706	30,275
<b>Fees</b>	130,080	260,160	390,240	520,320
<b>Total costs</b>	898,280	1,796,560	2,694,840	3,593,121
<b>Yearly costs</b>	299,427	598,853	898,280	1,197,707

\*Fees are based on average figures currently available



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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