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Deputy Cathal Crowe,  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 39849/24**

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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.

**"To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer of increasing funding for the national meals on wheels network by an additional €1 million per year. -Cathal Crowe"**

There are currently 317 Meals on Wheels Organisations in operation across the country delivering on average 239,000 meals monthly to approximately 19,000 clients monthly.

These organisations are geographically located across 9 Community Health Organisations (CHO) funding to these services has increased each year (details below). The HSE awaits its funding allocation for 2025, and if funding was allocated by an additional €1 million in 2025 that would bring funding up to €7,250,000 and in 2026 to €8,250,000 and so on.

CHO	2022	2023	2024
	EUR	EUR	EUR
Total Recurring Funding	3,500,000	5,250,000	6,250,000

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

Kind Regards,

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