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PQ 20988/24

To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on homeless specific measures by his Department in each of the years 2020 to 2023 and to date in 2024, and to provide a breakdown of the spend each year, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

As the Deputy is aware the majority of health services and supports in the area of Homelessness are contracted through the Community/Voluntary Sector via Section 39 funding. Below is outlined the amount of funding provided by the HSE attributed to Homelessness in 2013 - 2023 and year to date spend (as of the end of March '24) as incurred in respect of homelessness services.

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
€33m	€29.9m ¹	€30.9m	€31.5m	€32.6m	€36m	€36m	€36m	€45m ²	€50m³	€41m	€12.2m

In addition to services provided by HSE Social Inclusion, other Areas of the HSE provide services in relation to homeless supports including Acute Hospital Services and Emergency Departments, Mental Health, Primary Care Services and GPs providing front line services and attributed budgets are not available.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Doyle

National Lead, Social Inclusion

³ Figure for 2022 includes €9m spent on COVID 19 funding



¹ Figure for 2014 includes €3.3m transferred to Tusla for domestic refuges

² Figure for 2021 includes €8m spent on COVID-19 funding