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PQ 20822/18* *To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital cost of introducing 9,000 new hospital beds over five years; the estimated cost of staffing 9,000 beds annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of 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.

Response:

It is not possible to estimate the cost associated with the infrastructural element for provision of beds as it is dependent on a number of factors such as new or existing site, new build or existing refurbishment etc. and it would vary from one initiative to another. Delivering 9,000 new additional beds will mean both building new hospitals (possibly replacing some existing at the same time) as well as completely transforming existing hospital campuses (providing other additional hospital services to service the beds - see below). The cost per bed will therefore be towards the upper end of the spectrum.

Therefore capital cost of 9,000 additional beds will cost in the range of €6bn to €9bn.

The current average daily running cost of an inpatient bed is €839.00, Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) data. This represents all operational costs including:

- Clinical Staffing
- Drugs and medical supplies
- Diagnostics
- Theatres
- Non-clinical staffing
- Cleaning, maintenance and other running costs

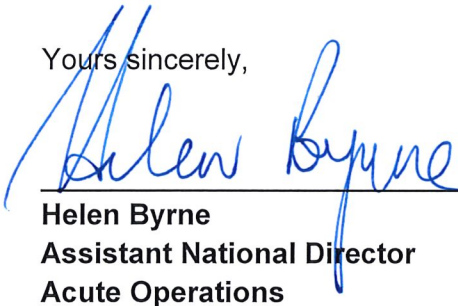
The above costs represent an average cost for all inpatient beds.

The table below outlines the full yearly cost relating to the operation of 9,000 inpatient beds for your information:

Description	Cost
Daily cost per bed	€839.00
Number of beds	9000
Number of days	365
Total	€2,756,115,000

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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