



12th February 2019

Deputy Stephen S. Donnelly, TD
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster house,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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: 4599/19

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of amending the fees charged under the NHSS to enable nursing home residents with an assessed weekly income of €300 or less to retain a minimum of €60 weekly.

Fees under the NHSS are underpinned by the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 and are a matter for Governmental policy.

The HSE currently does not have access to the information you have requested. We have previously been unable to answer this question, however we are currently in the process of testing a new IT system report which may provide us with the information you require. Should we be in a position to provide the information required we will revert to you at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,


Bernard Gloster

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