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PQ: 4605/19

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of increasing the general practitioner rural practice allowance to €25,000 -Stephen S. Donnelly.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 4605/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

S.I. No. 233 of 2016 outlines three new bands introduced under the Rural Practice Support Framework.

As at 13th February 2019 there are 254 General Practitioners in receipt of the allowances as follows:

Band	Description	Band Rate per annum	No of GPs	Total full year cost - Current Rates	Scenario 1 Revised Flat Rate (all bands)	Total full year cost - Revised Flat Rate (€25,000)
Band 1	Rural Practice Support Framework Allowance per Annum per Practice Unit	€20,000	176	€3,520,000	€25,000.00	€4,400,000
Band 2	Rural Practice Allowance per Annum per General Practitioner	€16,216.07	54	€875,668	€25,000.00	€1,350,000
Band 3	Modified Rural Practice Support Framework Allowance per Annum per Practice Unit	€10,000	24	€240,000	€25,000.00	€600,000
				€4,635,668		€6,350,000

Yours sincerely,

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