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Deputy Gino Kenny,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2

**PQ 27805/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the moneys raised through public hospital car parking charges; the amount of this paid to the private companies that operate hospital car parks; the amount retained by the hospital; the way in which it is used; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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Dear Deputy Kenny,

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

Car parking charges were introduced by hospitals over the past decade to cover the costs of such services without impacting on the hospitals' budget for patient services. As demand for car parking at hospitals increases, so too does the associated cost of providing these services, such as the initial capital cost of purchasing or renting parking areas, the cost of developing extra parking spaces, the need to provide and upgrade security systems, provide staffing and general maintenance of the car parks.

The majority of acute hospitals around the country charge for parking at this stage, with only 9 acute hospitals providing free parking. The HSE does not have a single contract to provide parking services at all hospitals, instead each hospital has its own arrangements, which reflect their particular circumstances. In some areas, hospitals use a third party provider to manage their car parks although the car parks may still owned by the Hospital. 29 of the 47 Hospitals operate and manage the hospital car park themselves. Some may have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to service parking meters, entry & exit barriers and security.

Approximately €22.5m was received in revenue from car parking charges in 2017. Details in relation to each hospital are outlined in the attached.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

  
John Hennessy  
National Director  
Acute Strategy & Planning

		<b>Car Park Situation</b>	<b>Operated by</b>	<b>Income Generated in 2017</b>
	<b>IRELAND EAST HOSPITAL GROUP</b>			
1.	Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€150,000
2.	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€1,000,000
3.	Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar	Fee Paying	Hospital	€225,119
4.	National Maternity Hospital	Staff Car Park only	Hospital	€0
5.	Our Lady's Hospital - Navan	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€103,652
6.	Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital	Staff Car Park only	Hospital	€25,293
7.	St. Columcille's Hospital	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€141,598
8.	St. Luke's Hospital Kilkenny	Fee Paying	Hospital	€425,379
9.	St. Michael's Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€135,437
10.	St. Vincent's University Hospital	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€2,500,000
11.	Wexford General Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€729,634
	<b>DUBLIN MIDLANDS HOSPITAL GROUP</b>			
12.	Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€139,671
13.	Midland Regional Hospital - Portlaoise	Fee Paying	Hospital	€317,430
14.	Midland Regional Hospital - Tullamore	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€375,762
15.	Naas General Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€124,218
16.	St. James's Hospital	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€2,059,250
17.	St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	Free	N/A	€0
18.	Tallaght Hospital – Adults & Children	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€1,200,000
	<b>RSCI HOSPITALS GROUP</b>			
19.	Beaumont Hospital	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€1,251,433
20.	Cavan General Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€240,302
21.	Connolly Hospital - Blanchardstown	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€545,000

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22.	Louth County Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€88,118
23.	Monaghan General Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€41,358
24.	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda	Fee Paying	Hospital	€618,055
25.	Rotunda Hospital	Fee Paying (limited)	Hospital	€122,000
	<b>SOUTH/SOUTH WEST HOSPITAL GROUP</b>			
26.	Bantry General Hospital	Free	N/A	€0
27.	Cork University Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€3,100,000
28.	Mallow General Hospital	Free	N/A	€0
29.	Mercy University Hospital Cork	Staff Car Park only	Hospital	€265,000
30.	South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital Cork	Fee Paying	Hospital	€318,402
31.	South Tipperary General Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€315,000
32.	University Hospital Kerry	Fee Paying	Hospital	€657,806
33.	University Hospital Waterford	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€1,186,984
	<b>UL HOSPITALS GROUP</b>			
34.	Croom Hospital	Free	N/A	€0
35.	Ennis Hospital	Free	N/A	€0
36.	Nenagh Hospital	Free	N/A	€0
37.	St John's Hospital	Free	N/A	€0
38.	University Hospital, Limerick	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€1,044,819
39.	University Maternity Hospital	Free	N/A	€0
	<b>SAOLTA UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE GROUP</b>			
40.	Galway University Hospitals	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€1,449,902
41.	Letterkenny University Hospital	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€100,000
42.	Mayo University Hospital	Fee Paying	Hospital	€340,000
43.	Portiuncula University Hospital	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€166,820

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44.	Roscommon University Hospital	Free	N/A	€0
45.	Sligo University Hospital	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€468,000
	<b>CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GROUP</b>			
46.	Children's University Hospital Temple Street	Staff Car Park only	Hospital	€36,000
47.	Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Fee Paying	Private Provider	€460,616
	National Children's Hospital at Tallaght Hospital (included with Adults)			<b>€22,468,058</b>