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Ms. Clare Daly T.D.,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question – 22389/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that CHO area 8 has run out of funding for 2019 for prosthetics and bras for women in recovery from surgery following breast cancer; his plans in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Clare Daly**

Dear Deputy Daly,

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 position regarding the provision of prosthetics and bras for women in recovery from surgery following breast cancer and outline response as follows:

#### **Non Medical Card Holders**

I can confirm that Non Medical Card Holders are entitled to their initial prosthesis and two surgical bras free of charge. Please note this is provided by the HSE on a once off basis.

#### **Medical Card Holders**

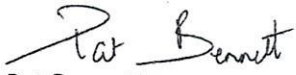
I can confirm that Medical Card Holders are entitled to their initial prosthesis and two surgical bras free of charge. Following initial entitlement the following criteria is applied for future requests.

- 2 bras per annum
- 1 prosthesis every two years

I can confirm that requests received within local offices which meet above eligibility criteria are approved on demand. There is no delay in the processing of requests received.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "B".

Pat Bennett

Chief Officer CHO Area 8