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Deputy David Cullinane TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 17727 20: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing an additional 100 acute hospital beds; and the associated staffing and equipment costs, respectively in tabular form. - David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

The average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed across acute hospitals can be calculated from the HSE annual pricing cycle as performed by the HSE Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO). This is €897 per day and represents the in-patient cost of a hospital bed including costs associated with:

- Clinical staffing
- Theatres
- Laboratories
- Non-clinical staffing
- Cleaning, maintenance and other running costs

The €897 is a 'fully-absorbed' cost which means it includes all treatment and care costs (such as diagnostics, theatres etc.) as well as running costs such as heating and lighting, servicing equipment etc. but excludes capital and depreciation. It does not include other associated hospital costs such as day case, outpatient and emergency department costs. The cost is calculated from costings submitted by hospitals under the Activity Based Funding programme and is based on 2018 data, the latest year for which information is available. This cost is a national average across all nights, all hospitals and all types of inpatient cases from the most routine to the most complex.

The table below show the estimated daily and annual running costs for the requested bed numbers.

Table 1

Estimated average Running costs of in-patient hospital beds	€
Daily cost per bed	€897
Annual cost per bed	€327,629
Annual cost per 100 beds	€32,762,925
<i>Source: Healthcare Pricing Office Note: Based on 2018 data</i>	

The average capital costs for new build have been estimated through a recent exercise carried out by HSE Estates as follows: €450,000 to €550,000/bed or €45m to €55m for 100 beds. This estimate includes for design, construction, equipping, and all other capital costs associated with the project. This estimate excludes any significant enabling works eg decant costs as well as other accommodation that may be required to support this additional capacity eg diagnostics, theatre space etc. Please note that some inputs are based on estimated project costs and not out turn costs. Capital costs are naturally subject to variations with some sites requiring more investment depending on location, project scale, complexity of the site, existing infrastructure, site conditions, design etc.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely



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