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**Deputy Louise O'Reilly, TD  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 18016/20**

**To ask the Minister for Health the capital cost of a nursing home bed; the estimated fully absorbed cost of a nursing home bed including staff, ancillary services and running costs; and the capital costs associated with opening new nursing home beds - Louise O'Reilly.**

- Ancillary cost of public bed – Average cost of €223 per bed per week.
- Running cost of public bed – Average cost of €1,665 per bed per week as published on HSE website.
- Running cost of Private bed (NTPF rate) – Average cost of €1,033 per bed per week (June 2020)

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

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Sandra Tuohy,  
Assistant National Director - Community Operations,  
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