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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 18044/20

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of introducing and operating 100 additional nursing home beds – Louise O'Reilly

The full year cost of 100 additional Nursing Home beds is €4,471,704.

This is based on the following;

- The net cost of a Nursing Home bed at June 2020 of €857 per bed per week, this is for both public and private as it does not state below whether the beds are public or private.
- The net cost is the gross cost less client contribution.
- This does not include any capital costs, as we would not have this information
- This does not include any costs associated with Covid 19 as these are not currently funded from NHSS

Yours Sincerely,

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Sandra Tuohy, Assistant National Director - Community Operations, Services for Older People.