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Deputy Réada Cronin, TD
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ/20/32799 - To ask the Minister for Health the amount collected under the fair deal scheme in each of the past five years; the number of persons contributing to and availing of the scheme in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cronin,

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

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme is a scheme of financial support for people who need long term residential care services. The financial assessment for the Scheme determines the person's level of contribution towards their nursing home care and the State pays the balance.

Under the Scheme, residential services are provided by the HSE, voluntary and private providers. The private and voluntary sector provides care for 80% of those funded under the Scheme and the HSE provides care for the remaining 20%. The amount of money actually collected by private and voluntary nursing homes is not available to the HSE; however the attached report illustrates the total assessed NHSS client contributions in respect of private, voluntary and HSE Residential Care Centres in each of the last five years.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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

Sandra Tuohy

**Assistant National Director, Head of Operations & Service Improvement
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