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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 27799/20 * *To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of permanently increasing and staffing fully and on a permanent basis to bring the level of ICU beds to 560 in the hospital network - Richard Boyd Barrett. -Richard Boyd Barrett*

Dear Deputy Barrett,

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.

The estimated average annual running cost across each critical care bed type has been estimated by the HPO, based on 2018 data, to be €747k per annum.

In March 2020, 256 critical care beds were in place. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, 287 adult critical care beds are open and available. By December 2020, 6 additional beds will be open and available.

Budget 2021 makes provision for a further increase in the number of intensive care beds available.

I trust that this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,

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