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**Deputy Catherine Murphy**  
**Dáil Éireann**  
**Kildare Street**  
**Dublin 2**

*PQ 17736/21: To ask the Minister for Health the amount collected in parking charges at all State hospitals; and the breakdown by location and annual amount in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021*

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Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which the Minister for Health has referred to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

Hospitals introduced car parking charges over the past decade to cover such services' costs without impacting the hospitals' budget for patient services. As demand for car parking at hospitals increases, so too does the associated cost of providing these services, such as the initial capital cost of purchasing or renting parking areas, the cost of developing extra parking spaces, the need to provide and upgrade security systems, provide staffing and general maintenance of the car parks.

The majority of acute hospitals around the country charge for parking at this stage, with nine acute hospitals providing free parking. Income data is centrally available for HSE Statutory Hospitals only – accordingly the attached table provides the income generated from car parking for each HSE Statutory Hospitals between the years 2018 to 2020. Data for 2021 is not yet available.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you, however, should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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