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**Deputy Alan Kelly, TD**

**Dáil Éireann,**

**Leinster House,**

**Kildare Street,**

**Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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: 10917/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in nursing homes under the fair deal scheme that have a residential property registered in their name which is included as part of the assessment for the scheme; the number of these homes that have a family member residing in them; the number of homes that are rented or generating an income; and the number that are vacant.**

The number of people who have a principal private residence included in their financial assessment for the Nursing Homes Support Scheme as at the 31/12/2020 was 13,142.

The HSE does not record data on residential property such as whether other family members are residing in the property.

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020 the number of Fair Deal Clients who had rental income included in their financial assessment was 770. Please note the system does not distinguish between residential property rental income and other property rental income in the financial assessment.



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The HSE does not record and cannot confirm the number of homes that are currently vacant as this information is not required for financial assessment purposes under the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 (as amended).

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

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Sandra Tuohy,  
Assistant National Director - Community Operations,  
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