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Deputy Eoin Ó Broin, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

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: 4728/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of properties tied up in the fair deal scheme; and the number of these homes that are currently vacant.

The number of persons under the Fair Deal Scheme that have a principal private residence which is included as part of the assessment for the scheme:

There are currently 13,119 clients with a principal private residence recorded in their financial assessment for the Fair Deal Scheme. The value of a person's principal private residence is only included in the financial assessment for the first three years that the person receives care services.

The number of these homes that are currently vacant:

The HSE does not record and cannot confirm the number of houses that are vacant.

The figures provided are based on Fair Deal Clients residing in nursing homes as at the 31/12/2020.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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

Sandra Tuohy
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