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Deputy Peadar Tóibín
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 16653/21: To ask the Minister for Health the total receipts for hospital car parking charges in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021, nationally, by county and by hospital.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 2012 to 2020. Data for the year 2010, 2011 and to date in 2021 is not 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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