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**PQ24054/21 To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of filling all current vacancies for psychologists in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

To advise that the vacating of a position does not in itself create a vacancy as the work of the position may be covered through redeployment, restructuring or reallocation. Funded Psychology posts within the HSE that may be vacant from time to time, can be filled in variety of ways as a short term measure - where a post has been approved for filling the duties may be covered by agency or overtime in the meantime. It is not possible, therefore, to give a definitive figure for vacancies and information on vacant positions is not routinely collected in the manner sought by the Deputy. The full time filling does not incur any additional costs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie O'Sullivan".

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**Marie O'Sullivan**  
**National HR**