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PQ 24337/21 * To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital cost of delivering an operating theatre; the estimated cost of equipment; and the estimated annual revenue cost. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Capital and equipping costing - The cost of providing theatre infrastructure is dependent on the amount and condition of existing services, the required associated accommodation and the availability of space or a suitable location for development. Theatres will generally require associated accommodation such as recovery spaces, anaesthetic rooms etc. to support the theatre activities and as such these must be factored into the cost. Without accounting for site location, existing services etc. it is not possible to provide an accurate capital cost for an operating theatre. However, a recently tendered project for two standalone theatres with associated accommodation but excluding other site infrastructure such as medical gas etc. gives an estimated cost of €4.6m per theatre. The cost of equipping a theatre will be dependent on the proposed activity within the theatre and the amount of specialist equipment required. Such costs could range from €0.5m to €3.0m.

Revenue costing - Revenue costs will vary depending on the type of theatre it is. At a minimum, revenue pay costs could be estimated based on the following: 6 x nurses, HCA x1, Porter x 1, Clerical Admin x1, 2 x Consultants and 2 x junior doctors and at least 40 % for consumables.

Estimated revenue costs for 6 x nurses, HCA x1, Porter x 1, Clerical Admin x1, 2 x Consultants and 2 x junior doctors and at least 40 % for consumables.

| Category | € |
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| Pay | 1,128,780.45 |
| Non Pay (40% of pay costs) | 451,512.18 |
| Total | 1,580,292.63 |

Yours sincerely,



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