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Deputy Jackie Cahill,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 25288/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the source of a recent HSE statement that there are 150 palliative care support beds in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Jackie Cahill

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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

The HSE is unaware of any recent statement made by the HSE in relation to palliative care support beds.

Palliative Care Support beds are provided nationally in Community Nursing Units and other Residential Care facilities.

In general terms, to ensure optimal bed use palliative care support beds are provided in line with demand for this service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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