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Deputy David Cullinane T.D.  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 41780/21: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital and current cost to replace all privately provided older persons services short-stay beds with public beds.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The incremental cost of replacing all privately provided older persons short-stay beds with public beds is €47m per annum. The gross cost of replacing all privately provided older persons short-stay beds with public beds is €121m per annum.

I trust this clarifies the issue.

Yours Sincerely,

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Assistant National Director - Community Operations,  
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