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Deputy Paul Murphy

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 18726/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an up-to-date estimate of the annual cost of abolishing hospital charges and of extending free general practitioner care to the whole population

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the part of your PQ relating to abolishing hospital charges. I am advised that the second part of your request has been responded to by the Department as it is within their remit.

Please find below a breakdown of Actual 2020 and Budgeted 2021 HSE income from Hospital Charges for adult inpatient and outpatient entities provided by HSE Finance. The table below includes in-patient and out-patient charges for all hospitals excluding CHI. I am advised the estimated cost to abolish all adult in-patient and outpatient statutory charges would equate to €47m.

Income from Hospital Charges €m	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
Statutory In-Patient Charges	26.30	30.02
Statutory Out-Patient Charges	15.81	17.22
	42.11	47.24

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory
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