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Dear Deputy Ring,

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

PQ: 61756/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if there are outstanding debts from the estates of deceased recipients of the fair deal scheme; if so, the number; and if he will make a statement on the matter

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme (NHSS) Act 2009 requires the HSE to ensure the correct level of State Support Funding was paid in respect of all deceased clients supported under the Scheme.

Under Section 27(2) of the NHSS Act 2009, the personal representative of a deceased person who received State Support Funding for nursing home care shall provide the HSE with a schedule of assets. Where probate is extracted in an estate a Schedule of Assets falls within a SA2 or CA24 form provided to Revenue Commissioners.

The Schedule of Assets process is completed to establish if the correct level of State Support was paid for the deceased's nursing home care by comparing the assets at time of death with those declared in the Fair Deal application.

As at 30th November 2022 the HSE had outstanding debts with a total of €4.056m which represented 144 estate cases who were recipients of funding under the Fair Deal Scheme. The vast majority of these cases are in the process of being finalised by the estates of the deceased.

Also please note recoupment of Ancillary State Support under the Fair Deal Scheme is undertaken by Revenue.



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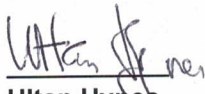
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I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,


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