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**PQ Number: 1873/22**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if a breakdown will be provided of the €3,303,915 spent on seven long-term low secure mental health beds by the HSE from private operators, including the operating and ancillary costs; the locations of these beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward**

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Dear Deputy Ward,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

These proposed placements were submitted as part of the overall Budget Projections process for 2022 and have not yet commenced. The HSE does purchase external placements where the capacity is not available within the Public Services or where Specialist Services are only available in the Private Sector. This process is undertaken through a Service Agreement arrangement and a Business Case is produced for each potential Placement detailing Services to be provided and the Costs involved.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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