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PQ 36533/22* To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of installing touch-free buttons for lifts in each HSE healthcare setting. -Sean Sherlock

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

All passenger lifts in HSE healthcare settings are required to comply with the Building Regulations Technical Guidance Documents (Part M) and the European Standards for Lifts (EN 81 Suite of Standards).

At present there is no requirement within the Building Regulations, EN 81 or in the HSE Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines to install touch free buttons in lifts within HSE healthcare settings. Consequently, these items have not been costed and therefore such information is not available.

Yours sincerely,

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