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PQ 39133/22* To ask the Minister for Health the all-in capital cost, including fittings and equipment to deliver an additional respite centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Pauline Tully

PQ 39134/22* To ask the Minister for Health the average all-in capital cost, including fittings and equipment, of delivering the nine additional respite centres that were detailed in the HSE National Service Plan 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pauline Tully

PQ 39135/22* To ask the Minister for Health the all-in capital cost, including fittings and equipment, that has been allocated to delivering the two high-support respite centres for children with severe disabilities detailed in the HSE National Service Plan 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

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.

The process of developing an 'estimated all-in capital cost' for any capital project is dependent on having an understanding of a number of important factors all of which will influence the potential range of costs. These include: consideration of new construction versus refurbishment (provision of new or replacement beds); the extent of site specific requirements vis-à-vis enabling or decanting works which may be required; site specific statutory obligations; the extent of infection prevention and control measures needed; and, the scope of ancillary upgrade and refurbishment works necessary. These are all critical factors in being able to determine an appropriate order of magnitude cost.

Developing an understanding of the necessary scope which is 'site by site' specific, would require significant surveying and investigative work to be completed, along with at least a preliminary design to capture the spatial impact of the proposal.

In the context of the questions asked, we have assumed that the respite centre details sought would be similar to a community nursing unit facility. On this assumption a range in the order of €400k to €550k cost per bed would be considered reasonable.

This is a high level indicative capital cost range only and would be subject to verification in terms of any specific site information or requirements and the impact these would have on the costs indicated above.

Yours sincerely,

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