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Deputy Boyd Barrett  
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**PQ 41515/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing all parking charges at public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Data on hospital car parking income as a reflection of costs of car parking charges is centrally available for HSE Statutory Hospitals only. The total income from car parking for Statutory Hospitals in 2021 was €5,116,525. However, patient and visitor attendances at hospitals were reduced during this time as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The HSE cannot estimate costs of abolishing hospital car parking charges for voluntary hospitals.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you, however, should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Shortt', positioned above a horizontal line.

**Helen Shortt**  
Acting National Director,  
Change and Innovation