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Deputy David Cullinane

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 29852/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of removing private practice from public hospitals. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 am advised by National Finance Division that the expected 2022 budget for private maintenance charges is €537m. I am advised that the actual income received was significantly lower in 2021 and in 2022 to date due to covid. Covid patients do not pay inpatient charges/ private maintenance charges.

	2022 Budget	Actual 2021	Actual 2020
Maintenance Charges	(537,366)	(397,370)	(431,846)

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory

General Manager,

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