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Deputy David Cullinane TD,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ 29884/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of a 10% expansion in step-down beds; and the number of units that this would generate.**

A 10% expansion of step down bed capacity would deliver 45 beds and cost €5.3m per annum. These numbers are based on YTD April 2022 bed numbers.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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