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**PQ 17117/22\* To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions 662, 663 and 664 of 15 February 2022, the financial use of retained assets, vacant under review and vacant in disposal buildings whether for financing arrangements or otherwise for each in tabular form; the valuation and terms of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -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.

#### **Retained Assets**

In the case of these properties, buildings or land, they remain in the HSE estate even when unused. This is because they have a potential future use to the HSE as a building or land for future healthcare service use. Their value is the saving of not having to purchase a property in that location in the future.

Typically another retained asset is a vacant building in an existing campus. A building in the middle of an existing campus would generally not be sold. Its usefulness is the potential for an existing or new healthcare service to take over the building on an existing campus.

#### **Vacant Under Review**

These properties have yet to be classified for retention or for disposal. However, they are available for re-use during this time if they match an accommodation need identified by healthcare services, potentially saving on the acquisition of a property from the market.

**In Disposal**

Properties in disposal will realise value for the exchequer when brought to the market or disposed of under an Intra-State transfers (DPER Circulars). The value of a property is established only when it is in the disposal process.

Yours sincerely,



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