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PQ 26597/22 * To ask the Minister for Health if consultants have preferential arrangements for room rental in public hospitals in which they see private patients; if so, the nature of the arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

Under the HSE's National Financial Regulations, there is a responsibility on hospital management to ensure the efficient use of the resources available to them. This includes arrangements entered into by hospitals with consultants which allow access to clinical or office space for private practice.

Due to local factors there is no standard approach as to agreement terms. Where a consultant, under his/her contract, has offsite private practice entitlements they are required to maintain an office on the private hospital campus where they practice or at a separate location.

Where there are local arrangements in place hospital management assess requirements, capacity and associated costs to ensure access to clinical infrastructure is optimised for public and private access as required.

I trust that this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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