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Deputy Duncan Smith,  
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**PQ 56121/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the assistance that is available to persons diagnosed as deaf to replace their hearing aids should they become damaged; if there is a time limit on such replacement or cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Duncan Smith**

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Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 56121/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

All HSE Community Audiology Services provide the option to book an appointment for repairs, if the hearing aids require investigation or refurbishment by an engineer. Hearing aids which require refurbishment or repair are sent to the National Repair Service. Alternatively, many patients choose to self-manage their hearing aids, and in these cases, the HSE provides spare tubing etc. as necessary.

Further information relating to the location of audiology centres nationwide can be found on the HSE website: <https://www2.hse.ie/services/audiology/audiology-centres-across-ireland.html>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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