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Deputy Duncan Smith  
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Leinster House  
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PQ 44121/22

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of the abolition of hospital car parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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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 which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Data on hospital car parking income as a reflection of costs of car parking charges is centrally available for HSE Statutory Hospitals only. The total income from car parking for Statutory Hospitals in 2021 was €5,116,525. However, patient and visitor attendances at hospitals were reduced during this time as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The HSE cannot estimate costs of abolishing hospital car parking charges for voluntary hospitals.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you, however, should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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