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PQ 47721/22 * To ask the Minister for Health the number, size and cost of properties owned by the HSE or his Department that are not in use. -Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Toibin,

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.

The HSE records all healthcare buildings in a property database. When a building or property becomes vacant it is recorded as 'vacant' as opposed to 'not in use'. Capital and Estates can extract the properties marked vacant in order to provide a list at any point in time. The data related to the status of each property is maintained by the various Capital and Estate offices around the country who provide and maintain information relevant to the properties in their own areas. Recording properties as 'vacant' enables the identification of these as available for healthcare purposes or for disposal.

As requested, the number of properties owned by the HSE which are vacant is captured in the table below.

Building Classification	Number of Properties
Vacant under Review	118
Retained Asset	39
In Disposal	70

Buildings categorised as '*Vacant under Review*' will be considered for reuse, disposal or retention.

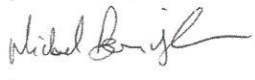
The categorisation of buildings as '*Retained Assets*' is based on decisions regarding current or future healthcare service needs in the area, if the property is in a strategic location, its condition and suitability for future service provision, etc.

Buildings categorised as '*In Disposal*' include buildings at various stages of disposal on the market, e.g. for disposal, for sale, or sale agreed.

The information request pertaining to the size of buildings is not readily available, without in some instances a review of the physical file associated with the property. However, if there are specific buildings or properties associated with this request, the HSE will endeavour to provide the information.

As a matter of policy the valuation of the HSE building infrastructure is not recorded on the database. This is because the existence of a valuation would constrain the market opportunity for the HSE when disposing of a property. A property valuation is only established at the point of sale of a property.

Yours sincerely,

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