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Deputy Catherine Murphy
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PQ Number 18042/23: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of recruiting one additional orthodontics specialist, one senior dental hygienist and one senior dental surgeon, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 reply.

The below table outlines the estimated full year cost of recruiting one additional orthodontic specialist, one senior dental hygienist and one senior dental surgeon. Please note 30% of WTE Cost is included to cover estimated operational costs to reflect the specialist nature, high patient turnover and consumables associated with a Dental and Orthodontic Service.

Table 1: WTE Cost

Grade Code Description	WTE Cost €	Er PRSI @ 11.05% €	Full Year Cost of WTEs €
Specialist Orthodontist	158,505	17514	176,019
Senior Dental Hygienist	58,737	6490	65,227
Senior Dental Surgeon	92,909	10266	103,175

Table 2: Total Cost

WTE Cost (WTE Table 1)	€344,421
30% Operational associated costs	€103,326
Total Cost	€447,747

Where no existing Dental Nurse is available to work with each additional clinician, the cost of recruiting a Dental Nurse (€37,011 full year cost) must also be factored in.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nader Farvardin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nader Farvardin,
Interim AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations