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***PQ 19227/23 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of in-patients in each acute hospital over the past ten years that have been admitted for more than one year, in tabular form - Alan Kelly.***

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

Please see attached record outlining data you requested, which was provided to me by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO), with a breakdown of the figures for the years requested. Please pay particular attention to the notes accompanying the data.

The HSE's Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) system is a health information system designed to collect medical and administrative data regarding discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. All acute public hospitals participate in HIPE. The HPO does not disclose cells where the number of discharges reported to HIPE is five or less, therefore, values between one and five must be suppressed and are replaced by ~.

HIPE is not an operational database; it is not updated nationally at the HPO on a real-time or daily basis and is not considered final until it is closed in the following year.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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