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Dear Deputy Bruton,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ Number: PQ 8020/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the rate of indexation on deferred nursing home payments in 2021, 2022 and projected for 2023; the way they compare to the cost of Government borrowing to fund the carryover of such debt; and his views on the significant gap emerging; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The monthly rate of indexation on Ancillary State Support payments in 2021, 2022 and January 2023 are outlined in Table 1 below:

Table 1. Rate of Consumer Price Index Indexation used by NHSS

| Year | Mid-Jan | Mid-Feb | Mid-Mar | Mid-Apr | Mid-May | Mid-Jun | Mid-Jul | Mid-Aug | Mid-Sep | Mid-Oct | Mid-Nov | Mid-Dec | Annual Average Index |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| 2021 | 107.3 | 107.6 | 108.5 | 109.2 | 109.4 | 109.6 | 109.9 | 110.7 | 111.1 | 111.9 | 112.5 | 113.1 | 110.1 |
| 2022 | 112.6 | 113.6 | 115.8 | 116.9 | 117.9 | 119.5 | 120 | 120.2 | 120.2 | 122.1 | 122.5 | 122.3 | 118.6 |
| 2023 | 121.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |



The calculation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) amount is calculated as per the requirements of Section 16, Schedule 2 of the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009. Monies advanced by the HSE pursuant to Ancillary State Support in a year is aggregated and the CPI number which relates to mid-December in that year is taken to be the base figure in respect of those payments. The method of calculation of this figure is determined by the detailed relevant content of the NHSS Act 2009.

I hope that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ultan Hynes', written over a horizontal line.

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