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Mr. Alan Kelly TD
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PQ 28435/23

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of extending the opening hours to 8am-9pm, seven days a week for the Cashel minor injury unit.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

To extend the Minor Injury Unit in Cashel service to opening 8am – 9pm, seven days a week, this would mean an increase in service hours from the existing 35 hours per week to 91 hours per week.

This service increase, to include extended hours and weekend working, would also attract additional premium and weekend rates. It is estimated that this increase in service would require an additional 2 whole time equivalents (wte) per staffing grade/discipline to ensure adequate cover for statutory and non-statutory leave.

This service would also necessitate an operational governance structure by an Acute Service Consultant, which is currently not in place.

Below estimate of additional wte costs:

Registrars x 2	220k
Snr Nurse x 2	145k
Admin x 2	72k
Total	437k

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Marie Lanigan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Anna Marie Lanigan
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