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30th June 2023

***PQ 29342/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of abolishing parking charges at public hospitals for cancer patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

Dear Deputy Pringle,

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.

Hospitals currently charging car parking fees are very cognisant of the financial implications of these parking costs for patients and their families, particularly for those such as oncology patients, who are receiving treatment over a long period of time.

In February 2023, the HSE established that; out of 44 hospital-controlled car parks providing patient parking, 28 (64%) provide concessions and 8 (18%) provide free parking. In summary, 82% of acute hospitals either provide concessions or free parking.

While oncology patients are one of the main patient cohorts in receipt of concessions they are one of many patient groups, which include;

- Oncology patients
- Dialysis patients
- Families of deceased
- End of Life/Palliative care
- Patients/Families under financial strain

There is no data available on the breakdown of parking fees collected by speciality. Therefore, it is not possible to provide the cost of abolishing charges incurred by oncology patients and families.



I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Dunne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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**Brian Dunne**  
**General Manager**  
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