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PQ 24180/23- To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing and staffing ten additional ICU beds in a public hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Richard Boyd Barrett

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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.

The Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) has provided the following costing for Level 3 Critical Care (ICU) beds.

The table below shows the estimated costs for the requested bed numbers.

Table 1	
Revenue cost of a Level 3 Critical Care (ICU) bed	€
Annual Cost per bed in 2021 (latest data available)	770,949
Annual Cost per bed in 2022/2023	849,971
Estimated full year revenue cost for 10 beds	8,499,710
Source: Healthcare Pricing Office	

The HPO has calculated the revenue cost of a Level 3 Critical Care bed as follows;

- The cost is based on the 2021 (latest) costs
- Overheads have been removed resulting in a cost of €770,949 per bed for 2021
- 5% inflation has been applied across 2022/2023 resulting in a cost of €849,971 per bed
- The estimated full year revenue cost for 10 beds is €8,499,710

In relation to the capital costs, HSE Estates advises that the capital cost of a Critical Care bed ranges from €1.6m to €1.9m (as at June 2022).

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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