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Deputy Sorca Clarke
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PQ 43362/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the current number of ICU beds in place; how many beds are funded; the all-in costs for a new ICU bed, support services and staffing; and the projected cost for 20 additional ICU beds.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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.

As of today's date, the critical care funded bed capacity is 324. There are 18 remaining beds profiled for delivery in 2023, which will bring the critical care beds funded bed capacity to 342 by the end of 2023.

The Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) has provided the information below relating to the annual revenue cost of a Level 3 ICU bed.

Revenue cost of a Level 3 Critical Care bed	€
Annual Cost per bed in 2021 (latest data available)	770,949
Annual Cost per bed in 2022/2023	849,971
<i>Source: Healthcare Pricing Office</i>	

Please note that :-

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

On the basis of the above, the estimated full year revenue cost for 20 beds is €16,999,420

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.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory
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