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**PQ Number: 44674/23**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of staffing all emergency departments with liaison psychiatrists for two years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Murnane O'Connor**

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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

Currently there are 29 Emergency Departments (EDs) in Ireland. I have estimated the cost of staffing all Emergency Departments with liaison psychiatrists for one year as per the new Public Only Consultant Contract 2023 which came in as and from 08<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Please see table below.

Post	WTE Total	Salary Mid Point (Full)	On-call Allowances	Salary plus Allowances	Annual Salary	ER PRSI	Total Annual Pay	Non Pay	Cost per consultant	Total cost
	WTE	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Consultant	29	237,904	10,200	248,104	248,104	27,415	275,519	24,810	300,330	8,709,567

The estimated cost of staffing all emergency departments' with liaison psychiatrists for two years based on the above workings is in the region of € 17,419,134.

Further information on the Public Only Consultant Contract including salary scales and rates of pay can be found here: [HR Circular 008 2023 Public Only Consultant Contract 2023 - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/eng/press/2023/03/08/hr-circular-008-2023-public-only-consultant-contract-2023)

I trust this information is of assistance to you.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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**Tony Mc Cusker**  
**General Manager**  
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