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Deputy Duncan Smith TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re PQ 45943 23: *To ask the Minister for Health how much has been spent on leasing capacity in private hospitals in 2022 and 2023, respectively; the projected spend in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Smith,

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Please see **Appendix 1 Table 1** below which sets out the total all-inclusive costs for the years 2022 and 2023 relating to the Safety Net Agreements the HSE put in place with Private Hospitals, initially commenced in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The data for 2023 is the latest available, is draft only and is subject to change within the year end audit process. A projected spend for 2024 is not currently available.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1 to PQ 45943 23

Table 1

Cost of Private Hospital Safety Net Agreements	Amount (€m)
2022	173.44
2023	1.98