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**PQ 8291/24\*To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions No.s 662, 663 and 664 of 15 February 2022, 378 of 10 March 2022 and 796 of 22 March 2022, the number of vacant, derelict, or otherwise unused properties owned by the HSE in tabular form; the number of vacant assets under review; the number of vacant assets in disposal; the number of retained vacant assets and the reason for retention; the name and location of each site; the purpose or former purpose of each site; the care services division of the HSE under which the site is registered; the previous use of the site and the year in which the site became disused; the year in which the site came into the HSE's possession and the HSE's interest in the site whether freehold, leasehold, and if leasehold, the type of and length of lease; and the value of the site, where applicable. -David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 HSE actively manages the portfolio including the disposal of identified surplus assets and has 183 vacant properties as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 that are classified as vacant and collated an itemised list as per Appendix 1 (attached):

<b>Vacant Status</b>	
In Disposal	90
Vacant Under Review	32
Retained Assets	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>



Vacant properties are classified under 3 categories as follows:

***In Disposal (First Tab);*** These properties are surplus to the HSE's requirement and are in various stages of disposal:

***Vacant under Review (Second Tab);*** these properties are currently under review and are being considered for retention/reuse or disposal.

***Retained Assets (Third Tab);*** Properties that are vacant and have been retained for varying reasons. Decisions, informed by Service Management are based on an understanding of current or future healthcare service needs in the relevant area. A building may be vacated by one service with a view to refurbishment for an alternative use, or a property may be maintained for future service expansion at a specific location for demographic or service requirements. They may be vacant/derelict buildings in the middle of larger health care campus which currently preclude the HSE from disposing of this building in isolation.

Appendix 1 also includes the following information:

- ***Location;*** Site Name, Block Name & County.
- ***Length of vacancy;*** this information has been provided where available
- ***Length of ownership by HSE;*** this information has been provided where available
- ***Size;*** Gross Internal Area in square meters.
- ***HSE Services Division;*** this information has been provided where available
- ***Condition;*** HSE Capital & Estates have categorised the condition of each property as follows:
  - **Poor:** Significant investment required or derelict.
  - **Fair:** Minor investment required.
  - **Good:** Little or no investment required.
- ***Comment;*** General commentary on the status of the property.



The HSE does not routinely conduct market valuations of its properties that are Vacant under Review or Retained Assets. Valuations, are available for most properties that are in the In Disposal process. This valuation information is commercially sensitive and therefore is not provided.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

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**Brian O'Connell**  
**Interim National Director**  
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