Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

19th July 2024

PQ 28834/24 To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of abolishing all parking charges at public hospitals; 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.

Data on hospital car parking income as a reflection of costs of car parking charges is centrally available for HSE Statutory Hospitals only. The amount of revenue generated from car parking varies from year to year. Table 1 below details total revenue from car parking charges for the years 2019 – 2022. The data for the 2023 figure will not be available until after the HSE Annual Financial Statements are published.

Table 1	
Total revenue generated by car parking charges for the years 2019 - 2022	
Parking and Clamping	
Year	**Total (€)**
2022	7,439,696
2021	5,116,525,
2020	5,203,577
2019	12,026,995
Source: HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS)	

It would not be accurate to base projections of estimate costs of abolishing car parking fees on revenue generated figures only. The HSE cannot estimate costs of abolishing hospital car parking charges for voluntary hospitals. In both statutory and voluntary circumstances due consideration would need to be given to any costs that would be incurred as a result of any buy out of contracts or other arrangements.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Nessa Lynch
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