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**RE: PQ Ref 35533/25**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of funding all trainee counselling and educational psychology positions in line with their clinical counterparts.**

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to 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.

Having consulted the current Consolidated Pay scales and the anticipated intake in September for trainee counselling and educational psychologists; the following tables set out the estimated cost of funding all trainee counselling and educational psychology positions in line with their clinical counterparts.

### Salary

HEI	Intake*	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Overall Total
Mary Immaculate – Educational	7	44,473 <b>311,311</b>	46,663 <b>326,641</b>	50,425 <b>352,975</b>	<b>990,927</b>
UCD – Educational	10	44,473 <b>444,730</b>	46,663 <b>466,630</b>	50,425 <b>504,250</b>	<b>1,415,610</b>
TCD – Counselling	10	44,473 <b>444,730</b>	46,663 <b>466,630</b>	50,425 <b>504,250</b>	<b>1,415,610</b>

*\*Anticipated numbers for Sept 2025 intake*

**Overall Salary Total:**

**€3,822,147**



### Fees – 60% funded by HSE

HEI	Intake*	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Mary Immaculate – Educational <b>Total Fee €14,500</b>	7 (60% = €8,700)	60,900	60,900	60,900	182,700
UCD – Educational <b>Total Fee €15,920</b>	10 (60% = €9,552)	95,520	95,520	95,520	286,560
TCD – Counselling <b>Total Fee €15,980</b>	10 (60% = €9,588)	95,880	95,880	95,880	287,640

*\*Anticipated numbers for Sept 2025 intake*

**Overall Fee Total:**

**€ 756,900**

**Overall Cost: Salary + Fee = €4,579,047**

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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