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Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you on the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 35064/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of active fair deal cases where a family home is involved in the financial assessment; the number of those cases where the person availing of the scheme was the only occupant of the property; and the number of these properties are now vacant or rented out. -

The number of applicants where a family home is included in a Nursing Homes Support Scheme application financial assessment and who are recorded as owning a Principal Private Residence (PPR) is 15,090 as at the 31st May 2025.

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme does not gather or store data on occupancy levels of properties included within NHSS financial assessments. We are therefore unable to provide data on the number of residences where the applicant was the only occupant, or are currently vacant.

The number of applicants who are receiving the benefit of rental income on their PPR being assessed at 0% as at 31st May 2025 is 168.

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Ultan Hynes
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