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Leinster House,
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PQ 11305/25* To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant and or derelict buildings in the ownership of, or leased by, her Department, by the HSE or by other agencies reporting to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Malcolm Byrne

Dear Deputy Byrne,

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 has a significant property portfolio extending to c.4,400 buildings across c.2,600 locations throughout the country. These buildings range in age from pre-18th century to modern purpose-built facilities. The health estate is varied and complex, ranging from small health centres in rural locations to very large acute hospitals.

Please find enclosed with this response, the vacant building listing for HSE as per 28th February 2025. All assets are of a freehold or long leasehold status. There were no vacant buildings leased by HSE listed at this date. The HSE do not hold information in relation to properties lease by other agencies.

Vacant Assets	28 th February 2025
In Disposal (Surplus to Requirement)	93
Vacant Under Review	38
Total	131*

**There are an additional 103 Properties that are considered as Retained Assets. These properties 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 retained for future service expansion at a specific location for demographic or service requirements. They may be vacant/derelict buildings in the middle of a healthcare campus.*

In Disposal: The HSE has 93 properties which are surplus to requirement and are in various stages of the disposal process. The HSE adheres to its statutory obligations and is required to offer surplus assets in the first case to the Land Development Agency and then to other State stakeholders (including Local Authorities) under Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circulars 11/15 Protocols for the Transfer and Sharing of State Property Assets & 17/16 Policy for the Property Acquisition and for Disposal of Surplus Property.

Vacant under Review; the HSE has 38 properties that are Vacant under Review. These properties are currently under review and are being considered for retention/reuse or disposal.

The HSE continues to actively engage with the Department of Health, the Land Development Agency, Department of Housing, the Local Government Management Agency (Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office), the Department of Integration and the Department of An Taoiseach in relation to its surplus assets as part of an 'All of Government' approach to increasing housing stock.

The HSE continue to engage with all stakeholders with a view to achieving the optimal use of State Lands and properties to meet overall government priorities across all sectors, including the provision of healthcare and community services.

Yours sincerely

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