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**PQ Number: 12266/25**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown by year of the categories of funding provided, expenditure and any unspent funds in respect of the National Counselling Service from 2020 to date, in respect of services for people affected by adoption and the mother and baby homes, in tabular form. –Mary Lou McDonald**

Dear Deputy McDonald

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Table 1 below provides a breakdown by year of funding provided to the National Counselling Service (NCS) from 2020 to date in respect of services for people affected by adoption and Mother and Baby Homes. Table 1 also details unspent funding by year.

All funding provided to the NCS in respect of services for people affected by adoption and the mother and baby homes relates to pay costs for staffing to provide counselling to former residents of mother and baby homes. Where funds are unspent this is due to posts being unfilled as it was not possible to recruit these posts or the posts subsequently became vacant.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Mother and Baby Homes	€	€	€	€	€	€
Allocated Funding		1,735,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000
Unspent funding		1,415,412	2,544,224	2,788,163	3,882,485	n/a

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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**General Manager**  
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