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**PQ ref 13588/25** To ask the Minister for Health if HSE funding provided to the Community Access Support Team pilot project comes from existing resources or from additional funding specific to the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

A Business case for CAST was submitted by the Assistant National Director for Mental Health on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2023, to the Department of Health for consideration in the context of the estimates process for 2024.

In the meantime, we have been requested to establish CAST out of existing resources. We established CAST in January 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, with three HSE Whole Time Equivalent (WTE)

No additional funding or WTE increase has been received for the CAST pilot. The pilot will be evaluated after a period of one year and depending on the outcome of the evaluation, a proposal will be put forward regarding the future of CAST based on the data available gathered during the pilot.

Yours Sincerely,

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