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Deputy Rice,  
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**PQ 24085/25 To ask the Minister for Health if all amputees are guaranteed prosthetics following amputation surgery; the process for obtaining prosthetics following surgery; the funding and supports available to obtain more advanced prosthetics; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Pádraig Rice**

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Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 24085/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Following surgical amputation, all eligible service users who are clinically assessed as requiring a limb prosthesis are provided with one. While it is the case that most amputees require a prosthesis, the provision of a prosthesis is not universally indicated.

The usual procedure following a surgical amputation is that the individual will initially undergo a period of wound healing and a programme of rehabilitation. Following this period, the individual amputee will be referred to one of the external service providers providing prosthetic services on behalf of the HSE, to have a prosthetic limb fitted. For eligible service users the provision of the prostheses is funded by the HSE.

I trust this is of assistance.

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