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Deputy Sherlock, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 27392/25 To ask the Minister for Health if prosthetic legs are included under the medical card scheme, a second prosthetic leg and replacement prosthetic when required; and if she will make a statement on the matter

- Marie Sherlock

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 27392/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Prosthetic legs as with other prosthetic limbs are provided on the basis of a clinical assessment of the individual service users requirement for the prosthesis and are provided to all those who have full eligibility (medical card holders).

Following provision of the prosthetic limb the service users can also avail of services to adjust, service, and replace parts and, or the limb as required. Due to the complexity of these prostheses, and the often fluid, changing requirements of the individual user, it is not current practice to provide a second (reserve) prosthesis.

I trust this is of assistance.

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