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Mr Barry Cowen TD
Leinster House
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 2348/16 - To ask the Minister for Health the cost of hiring 100 additional Therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Barry Cowen.

Dear Mr Cowen,

I refer to your PQ above which has been referred to me for response.

The estimated annual Pay Cost Only of recruiting an additional 100 Therapists is approx. €4.7M. This calculation is based on the payscales for Physiotherapists. This is calculated using an average annual fully burdened salary cost of €47K (i.e. including average premia and employers PRSI)

In addition Pay costs, there are other non-pay costs associated with the recruitment process i.e. advertising, interview boards, etc. These have not been included in the calculation above.

Also, there are ancillary costs associated with appointing a new physiotherapist. However, all major costs would generally be drawn from existing cost pools but there are some incremental (additional) costs incurred i.e. facilities costs, training, equipment, consumables etc.. The ancillary costs (absorbed and incremental) will vary depending on the individual situation. These costs have not been included in the estimate above.

The estimated annual Pay Costs of recruiting additional physiotherapists must be considered in this context.

Yours sincerely

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