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Deputy Billy Kelleher, TD  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Kelleher,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ: 29356/17**

**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of providing an additional 2.2 million home help hours.**

**PQ: 29357/17**

**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of providing an additional 5,000 home care packages.**

**PQ: 29367/17**

**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost full year cost of providing an additional 200 intensive home care packages for persons with dementia; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

The above PQs, being closely related in content, are being responded to in one overall response.

The 2017 National Service Plan provides for a total of 10.57m home help hours to be provided. It would cost approximately €45.5m to provide an additional 2.2 million home help hours. The actual cost of delivery will vary depending on whether the hours are delivered during core times Monday to Friday or outside of core hours in the late evenings or at weekends/bank holidays.

The Service Plan provides for 16,750 people to be in receipt of a Home Care Package at any one time. The estimated full year cost of providing an additional 5,000 HCPs would be approximately €44.5m.

The Service Plan also provides for 190 people to be in receipt of an intensive HCP including Atlantic Philanthropies funded IHCPs provided under the Dementia Strategy.

This number may be greater or fewer if the level of resources required by individual cases is lower or higher than the planning cost. The estimated full year cost of providing an additional 200 intensive HCPs for persons with dementia would be approximately €10.4m.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Fitzgerald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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**MICHAEL FITZGERALD**  
**Head of Operations & Service Improvement**  
**Services for Older People**