



**QUESTION NOS: 1156 & 1157**

**DÁIL QUESTIONS** addressed to the Minister of State at the Department of  
Health (Ms. Lynch)  
by Deputy Billy Kelleher  
for **WRITTEN ANSWER** on **16/04/2013**

\* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a specific timeframe and commitment in respect of when updated cost of care figures for public nursing home units will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Billy Kelleher T.D.

For WRITTEN answer on Tuesday, 16th April, 2013.

Details Supplied: . The most recently published Cost of Care figures for public nursing homes – agreed under the Nursing Home Support Scheme - date back two years, to March 2011. The cost of care of private and voluntary nursing homes is revised and updated on a regular basis, the most recent being February 2013

\* To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is a lack of transparency in respect of the cost of care under the nursing home support scheme in respect of public nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Billy Kelleher T.D.

For WRITTEN answer on Tuesday, 16th April, 2013.

Details Supplied: it is two years since the cost of care figures for such homes, March 2011, was published, persons choosing nursing home care have a right to know the fee rates that apply

**REPLY.**

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 requires the Minister to lay details of the goods and services which constitute long-term residential care services in public nursing home before the Houses of the Oireachtas. the full list of goods and services which was laid before the Houses is available on the Department's website at:

[http://www.dohc.ie/issues/fair\\_deal/cost\\_components.pdf?direct=1](http://www.dohc.ie/issues/fair_deal/cost_components.pdf?direct=1)

The list of goods and services set out in the Deed of Agreement between the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) and each private nursing home that is approved for the purposes of the Nursing Homes Support Scheme is consistent with the list of goods and services which was laid before the Houses.

Revised public nursing home cost of care figures will be published shortly.

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