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Committee of Public Accounts  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2  
Tuesday, October 2 2012**RE: HSE West property rental budget.**

Dear Mr McEnery,

I would like the committee to request a report from the HSE West on its property portfolio. I understand that this budget is approximately €2 million in Galway alone.

Such report should clarify why figures released in the media suggest that more rent is being paid today for fewer properties. The figures suggest that in Galway city and county the HSE is paying a rent of €2,236,431 for premises. Some 43 properties are being leased in all, compared with 70 properties leased or rented in 2009 at a cost of €2,159,473.

I understand that HSE West hopes to avail of scheduled breaks on existing leases which will deliver significant reductions in costs from 2013 onwards. This might be elaborated upon.

The report should also clarify the number of vacant/unused/under-utilised premises in HSE West possession/ownership and their locations.

I believe there is a value for money issue here and would like these matters clarified as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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