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## **HSE Chief Brendan Drumm to be Questioned at Public Accounts Committee**

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CEO of the HSE, Professor Brendan Drumm will attend the Committee, which starts at 10 am Committee Room 1 of Leinster House.

The purpose of the meeting is to assess the HSE's progress in its key task of instituting a performance management and information system. This undertaking is central feature of HSE policy as it allows for the first time, comparison between different hospitals in areas like waiting times, hospital throughput and use of resources.

Committee Chairman, Bernard Allen TD said;

“Having reliable, quantifiable information on areas like waiting times for surgery, number of bed days lost and levels of activity in each hospital is a vital component in reforming our health service and ensuring value for money.

We will be keen to find out how the HSE is advancing on the project and to be given an up-to-date picture on where we stand with regard to issues such waiting times for surgery and day care.”

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