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Deputy Eugene Murphy TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re PQ 22000 18: *To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency and locum nurses in 2017 in each CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- Eugene Murphy TD*

PQ 22001 18: *To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency and locum doctors in 2017 in each CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter..- Eugene Murphy TD*

PQ 22002 18: *To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency care assistants in 2017 in each CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Eugene Murphy TD*

PQ 22003 18: *To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency staff in 2017 in each CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter..- Eugene Murphy TD*

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQ's above have been referred to me for response.

Please see the table below in response to your PQ's for 2017 Agency staff costs as requested above. Please note that the response for PQ 22001 18 includes staff categories Medical & Dental. Also please be aware that for PQ 22002 18 Support Services Staff includes Care Assistants, Porters, etc. and currently cannot be split into Care Assistants only. All Agency Staff comprises of Nursing, Medical/Dental, Support Services, Allied Health Professionals and Central Support.

Table for Response to PQ's 22000 18, 22001 18, 22002 18 & 22003 18

Agency Costs by CHO Area for 2017

HSE Statutory Systems Only

	PQ 22000 18	PQ 22001 18	PQ 22002 18	PQ 22003 18
CHO Area	Agency Nursing 2017 €000s	*Agency Medical/ Dental 2017 €000s	**Agency Support Services 2017 €000s	***All Agency Staff 2017 €000s
CHO 1	2,937	2,075	5,692	11,417
CHO 2	5,341	2,588	7,434	15,948
CHO 3	2,535	2,526	4,274	10,314
CHO 4	3,122	1,112	2,035	7,081
CHO 5	5,377	4,196	4,859	15,759
CHO 6	3,498	1,632	5,920	13,674
CHO 7	3,616	5,072	8,350	21,795
CHO 8	8,302	6,686	8,798	27,277
CHO 9	1,999	4,320	2,359	10,234
Total	36,726	30,209	49,720	133,500

Source: HSE Consolidated Finance Intelligence System (CFI)

Note: 2017 figures are preliminary and are subject to finalisation of year end audit

* PQ 22001 18 figures above includes both Medical & Dental

**PQ 22002 18 Support Services Staff includes Care Assistants, Porters etc. Currently this cannot be split into Care Assistants only

***All Agency staff comprises Nursing, Medical/Dental, Support Services, Allied Health Professionals and Central Support

This expenditure should be considered in the overall context including increasing demand for services; the impact of earlier constraints on recruitment in the public service; ongoing challenges in relation to the recruitment and retention of clinical staff; actions necessary to support compliance with the European Working Time Directive and efforts to reduce expenditure on agency staff.

Agency pay cost is under constant review. Agency staff are used where there is a difficulty in recruiting and employing hospital staff and where there is a short-term critical service need. Agency is also used for flexibility to allow for variation in activity and as required to meet patient demand needs.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 045 882559.

Yours sincerely

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