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16th December, 2019

**Minister Brendan Griffin
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2**

PQ Number: 49832/19

Dear Minister Griffin,

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

Details Supplied: The tender to supply Fruit and Vegetables to University Hospital Kerry

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health when a tender to supply products to a hospital (details supplied) in Co. Kerry will be up for renewal and if he will make a statement on the matter – B. Griffin.

The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) has awarded a new Contract For The Supply & Delivery of Fruit & Vegetables HSE South (Covering Counties Cork & Kerry) FCT036F to commence on the 15th April 2019 to the 14th April 2022. Please note it is the responsibility of the Budget Holder in each location to ensure that Fruit & Vegetable Products are procured from this contract. This contract has been formalised following an EU tender competition as per EU Directives/Irish law/HSE Financial Regulations and offers the best value for money to maximise savings.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,



**Fearghal Grimes
General Manager
University Hospital Kerry**