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**RE PQ 1389/19**

**Question**

To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding tenders for taxis to hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Regarding the tendering process for taxis to take patients to hospital appointments, a business in South Kerry were told they were too small a business to submit a quote to carry out such work. Surely this is unjust when we are trying to assist local employment in rural areas

**Response**

Deputy Healy-Rae,

A Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) was advertised on eTenders for Non-Emergency Patient Transport for Cork, Kerry, Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow (ref HSE 10708). Suppliers qualified to this DPS were invited to submit a tender for a mini competition for Kerry (ref HSE 10994).

The mini competition was broken into a number of sub lots:

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| 1. | University Hospital Kerry      | Taxi/Hackney |
| 2. | St Patricks Day Centre, Tralee | Taxi/Hackney |
| 3. | Kerry                          | Taxi/Hackney |
| 4. | Kerry                          | Minibus      |

With regard to the tender process for University Hospital Kerry and St Patricks Day Care Centre, three tenders were received and all were evaluated. Marks were assigned based on the Award Criteria and Specifications outlined in the tender documents.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Head of Procurement on (01) 635 2251 or via [ohop@hse.ie](mailto:ohop@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely,

