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PQ 4580/19 * To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff working in the procurement area for major State infrastructure projects in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Micheal Martin

Dear Deputy Martin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

HSE Estates staff carry out public works procurement for both major and minor capital works for design teams and other professional services. The procurement of all works (construction) contracts and work related services (Design Teams) are managed by an assigned project staff within the Estates function. Approx. 107 HSE Estates staff are directly involved in the procurement of major and minor infrastructural projects. The equipping of completed facilities is also managed by the assigned project staff in partnership with HBS Procurement. The majority of our staff across the Estates function would be involved in procurement at some level. A significant portion of Estates resources and energy is committed to the development, procurement and delivery of major capital projects.

HSE Estates staff deliver projects in accordance HSE Estates own guidance the *Capital Projects*Manual & Approvals Protocol. Compliance with this document ensures compliance with the *Public Spending Code*, National Procurement Regulations; the HSE's National Financial Regulations and gives guidance to Estates staff involved in the management and appraisal of capital projects.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran Head of Estates

