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Deputy Stephen S. Donnelly TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 27010 19: *To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend on consultant doctors for each community healthcare organisation to date in 2019, in tabular form. - Stephen S. Donnelly*

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Please see **Appendix 1** attached which provides the HSE Agency Staff costs for the Medical/Dental Staff Category for the period January to May 2019 for HSE Statutory Community Services by Community Healthcare Organisation. The data was sourced from the HSE Consolidated Financial Intelligence systems and is for HSE Statutory services only.

The Medical/Dental staff category comprises Consultants, Registrars, Senior House Officers and Dental Surgeons etc. The Consultant Doctor costs are not separately identifiable within the financial systems.

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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Appendix 1 to PQ 27010 19

Table for Response

Agency costs for Staff Category Medical/Dental by CHO Area for January to May 2019	YTD May 2019 Actual
	Agency Medical/Dental
HSE Statutory only	
CHO Area	€000s
CHO 1	704
CHO 2	1,235
CHO 3	655
CHO 4	334
CHO 5	2,274
CHO 6	546
CHO 7	2,267
CHO 8	2,159
CHO 9	1,049
Total	11,225

Source: HSE Consolidated Finance Intelligence (CFI) System