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**Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

PQ 10453/19:

To ask the Minister for Health if the contractor awarded a HSE contract (details supplied) is paid fully and up to date and is not outstanding millions of euro for the supply of product under the contract and a related contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Details supplied: HSE 7103) HSE 9910 National Contract for the Provision of Disposable Continence Products, Ref HSE 7103; and the National Contract for the Storage and Distribution of Disposable Continence Products, Ref HSE 9910.

-Michael Fitzmaurice

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

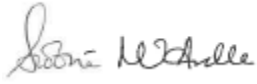
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response.

The HSE oversees the provision and supply of incontinence wear products for eligible persons across Ireland. In addition to providing incontinence wear products to healthcare settings such as long-stay residential services, the HSE has expanded the service to provide home deliveries to eligible persons in their own homes.

I wish to advise that all payments in relation to the supply and distribution of incontinence wear products in the home delivery service are paid in full. The HSE is awaiting validation from both contractors in relation to payments outstanding for bulk deliveries. The HSE is committed to paying any amounts outstanding by 29th March 2019 as agreed with our contracted partners.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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