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

**PQ 10457/19:**

**To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the pricing model for the delivery of product under a HSE contract (details supplied) is logical, sustainable and in alignment with the original tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

**Details Supplied: National Contract for the Storage and Distribution of Disposable Continence Products, Ref HSE 9910**

**-Michael Fitzmaurice**

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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.

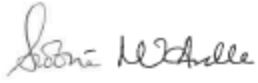
As part of the tenderer evaluation the tendered pricing was reviewed by an independent procurement expert who found that:

A high-level comparison between standard market rates for services and the rates the successful tenderer submitted highlight that the rates submitted in the tender are in line with market rates.

The contract price has remained as per the tendered pricing since the commencement of the contract.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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