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Deputy Sean Fleming,  
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RE PQ 11866/19

#### **Question**

To ask the Minister for Health the contracts in place in the HSE for recycling various medical products such as crutches, walking aids, zimmer frames, wheelchairs and other aids to assist persons; the amount paid in respect of collecting and refurbishing for recycling purposes in each of the category of items involved per unit; the process in place by which these items are reused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Sean Fleming

#### **Response**

Deputy Fleming,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

The HSE have a National Contract in place for the Managed Service of Patient Aids & Appliances. This contract was established to complement existing HSE A&A recycling services

Contracted Service Providers - Healthcare 21 Ltd provide service in HSE West & South - Fannin Ltd provide service in CHO Areas 6, 7 & 9 and in Louth.

The contract covers the following service levels.

- Collection & delivery of appliances
- Storage & Stock Management
- Cleaning & Function Check
- Repair & Service of recycled appliances
- Repair & Service of appliances in use in the community
- Planned Preventative Maintenance
- Disposal of obsolete appliances

The HSE recycle the full range of Aids & Appliances from Bathing & Toileting, Seating, Mobility, Physiotherapy, Lifting & Handling, and Beds Mattress etc.

Due to the range of appliances covered there is a broad range of contract pricing in place depending on the type of appliance and level of service which is required. I can make available detailed pricing for both service providers if required.

HSE Clinicians prescribe appliance based on clinical needs & eligibility and can access available stock through an on line stock management system and order for direct delivery to service user.

Total Net Saving A&A Recycling 2018 managed by HSE & external service providers = € 27,695,495

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,



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