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Mr. John McGuinness T.D.  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
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**PQ 21475/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid for nursing care services provided to the HSE from companies Clanad, T.T.M., Bluebird and Access Nursing in each of the past five years; the amount paid by a centre over the same period to each of the companies; the procurement process used in each case; the date each company was reviewed in terms of cost; the hourly rate paid to agency staff in this sector; the figure compared to the hourly rate paid to the companies involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy McGuinness

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

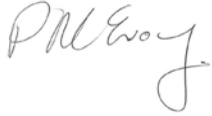
*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

St. Patrick's Centre has advised the HSE that they operate within the national framework for agency staff. If they are unable to get suitable nursing staff from one of the preferred providers under the framework, only then will other agencies be contacted. The table below outlines the hourly rate for each agency but this may vary depending on the number of years' experience and skillset of the nursing staff required. While T.T.M. were awarded the contract under the HSE procurement process, St. Patrick's Centre have advised the HSE they do not use a procurement process for other agencies as they are only used if and when the framework providers cannot supply nurses. The rates are reviewed regularly. St. Patrick's Centre has advised the HSE they can provide the following information;

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Hourly rate
T.T.M.	N/A	€79,107.95	€45,677.20	€86,165.46	€18,241.03	€32
Bluebird Care	N/A	€1,171.94	€18,290.03	€661.04	€567.59	€51.60
Access Nursing	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/a	€9,398.42	€38.94

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'PMcEvoy', written in dark ink.

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**Patricia McEvoy**  
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