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RE PQ 22835/19

Question

To ask the Minister for Health if officials in his Department or the HSE are working with vendors and suppliers to ensure that all products which hospitals purchase are as environmentally friendly as possible from medical supplies to printer paper -Louise O'Reilly

Response

Deputy O'Reilly,

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.

HSE is committed to promoting sustainability, energy efficiency and other factors relevant to "green" procurement. Where relevant to the particular Tender Process details of HSE requirements for green procurement will be set out in the Tender Documents.

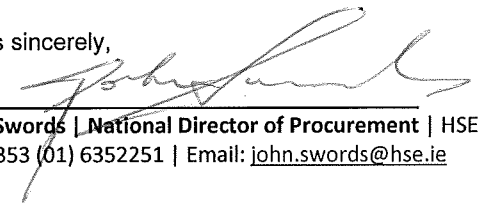
Paragraph 10.2 of the HSE Standard Terms for Services Supplies includes the mandatory obligation that "the Service Provider will be expected to adopt, embrace, support and implement in so far as these may impinge on the performance of his duties and obligations under the contract the ten principles of the United Nations Global Company covering human rights, land anti-cbour standards, the environment and anti-corruption".

As an integral part of the tender specifications for medical devices, Tenderers are routinely requested to outline their approach to environmental issues. It is typically a minimum requirement at the selection stage of the tender that Tenderers demonstrate satisfactory environmental management and waste disposal policies and procedures.

By way of example, the current contract for nationwide home delivery of continence products includes an obligation on the Contractor to remove and recycle waste packing from approx. 48,000 client's residences.

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.

Yours sincerely,


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