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Health Service Executive

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Deputy Barry Cowen TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ 43646 19:** *To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to section 39 health organisations in each of the years 2004 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of such organisations that received funding in each year in tabular form; if a list of such organisations and the amount received in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019 will be provided in a separate table; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Barry Cowen*

Dear Deputy Cowen,

The Health Service Executive 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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

The HSE Annual Report and Financial Statements (AFS) Appendix 1, details HSE Revenue and Capital grants to Section 38 & 39 agencies, charities and other grant funded organisations. All agencies in receipt of grants greater than €100k are listed by name. This information is available from the HSE website at the following link <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/annualrpts.html>, with all HSE Annual Reports and Financial Statements listed from 2005 to 2018. The HSE was officially established on 1 January 2005 so 2005 is the first year for which data is available. The 2019 data will not be available until completion of the 2019 AFS. In Appendix 1 of the AFS, Section 39 organisations are not separately identifiable

The data in Appendix 1 of the AFS is collated centrally and subject to audit on an annual basis for the purposes of the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS) process. Due to the limitations in the HSE financial systems and the lack of a single standard financial system for the Health Sector this data must be collated as part of an extensive and resource intensive exercise. I regret to inform you that, due to the limitations in our financial systems, we are unable to extract the subcategory 'Section 39' from our records of 'grants to outside agencies' for state funding and therefore Section 39 organisations are not separately identifiable.

The shortcomings in our legacy financial systems are well acknowledged and their replacement by a single standard financial system for the Health Sector is at the core of the Finance Reform programme initiated by the Department of Health.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sarah.anderson1@hse.ie](mailto:sarah.anderson1@hse.ie) or tel: 045 882559.

Yours sincerely

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