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PQ 37839/19 * To ask the Minister for Health the policy of the HSE in relation to the use of pesticides on grounds managed by it; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Martin,

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.

All pesticides and herbicides used by the HSE should be in accordance with manufacturer's instruction, strictly controlled and comply with the requirements of current Irish legislation.

Satisfactory standards of pest control in both clinical and non clinical areas are an integral part of providing an optimum environment for the delivery of good quality patient care.

The HSE maintain a large number and variety of healthcare properties including, but not limited to large campuses but also small healthcare properties.

The HSE are in the process of setting up a working group to review the HSE use of pesticides and herbicides, but also the use of other chemicals for e.g. used in Hygiene/Laboratory practices etc.

Yours sincerely,

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