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Deputy Cian O'Callaghan TD,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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**Re: PQ Number: 39564/20**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary question;

**To ask the Minister for Health if tenants can avail of the free HSE pest control service or if it is limited to landlords; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter above.**

**Response;**

The HSE Pest Control Service provides free treatment for rats for those living in Dublin City and County, together with the treatment of HSE owned properties.

The service is free for all private and local authority owned properties. Any properties used for commercial gain are not treated by the HSE and it is therefore the responsibility of the owner to seek and pay for treatment.

Yours sincerely,

*Shane Keane, ACEHO DNE*

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