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Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
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RE PQ 37244/20

Question

To ask the Minister for Health if her Department and the HSE will ensure that worker's rights and decent pay and conditions are adhered to in circumstances in which they spend public money on externally contracted services, specifically in relation to private ambulances, in which it is alleged that paramedics working for HSE contracted private ambulance services are being paid very low wages with no protections such as sick pay. -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.

Employers are reminded of their obligations and responsibilities regarding their staff, these are stated in the Terms and Condition of HSE Tenders/Contracts, please see extract below.

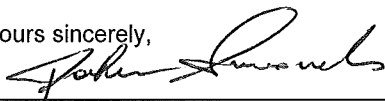
"Tenderers are required, in preparing their Tenders, to take account of their obligations relating to employment protection and working conditions that are in force in the place where the works are to be carried out or the service is to be supplied. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in their disqualification from the Tender Process."

The HSE also includes in the Tender documentation, contact details, where information regarding Employment Protection and Working Conditions can be sought.

Please be advised that there is a forthcoming Tender process to be advertised in December, for Private Ambulance Services, which will include the above condition.

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 2688 or via ohop@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,



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