



Deputy Mairéad Farrell,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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RE PQ 39051/20

Question

To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts; and if so, the nature of these social clauses. -Mairéad Farrell

Response

Deputy Farrell,

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.

I am pleased to advise the Deputy that HSE Standard Terms for the Procurement of Services and Supplies includes robust Social Responsibility obligations on all contracted suppliers (Section 10 – Social Responsibility).

HSE Standard Terms for the Procurement of Services and Supplies attached.

HSE has also established a National Health Sustainability Office and actively supports sustainability. HSE participates in and avails of a number of contracts which are established centrally by the Office of Government Procurement, and inherit the social clauses relating to green / energy efficiency requirements included therein.

The National Health Sustainability Office is accessible via the HSE website.

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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