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RE: PQ 18842/21: *“To ask the Minister for Health the nature and cost of the contract of the head of Covid test and trace system of the HSE; if such a position is a secondment from a private company on a pro-bono basis; the name of the company from which the secondment is from; if that company is contracted to provide services to his Department or the HSE; and if so, on what basis and cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your above PQ referred by the Minister for Health to the HSE for direct response to you. Please find below information provided to me:

The HSE made a new senior appointment to the Executive Management Team, Ms Niamh O’Beirne, with Responsibility for rapid implementation of a new National COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing Programme.

Ms O’Beirne took up the role of National Lead for the Testing and Contact Tracing Programme on 9 April 2020 and she is seconded without cost to the HSE. The costs will be covered by her firm, EY.

Consistent with public procurement rules the HSE has a multi-supplier Framework Agreement in place for the provision of consultancy services which provides an economic and efficient means of purchasing professional services. A number of consulting firms, including EY are parties to the Framework Agreement.

Whilst the HSE typically procures external expert assistance and consultancy services by means of mini Tender competitions under the aegis of Framework Agreements put in place through its own Procurement Division and/or through OGP Framework Agreements, the HSE has also availed of pro-bono offers of assistance from private companies in respect of its response to the Covid-19 crisis and is grateful for the important expert assistance provided.

While the rates charged by the consultancy firms who are party to a Framework Agreement are deemed commercially sensitive, I attach a breakdown of monies paid to EY in the period 1 January 2020 to March 2021.

I trust this is of assistance and addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,

Noel Taylor, Office Manager, HSE Parliamentary Affairs Division

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HSE Payments to EY in 2020 and Ytd Mar 2021			
<i>HSE Statutory Services only</i>	Full Yr 2020 €	Ytd Mar21 €	Total €
€	2020	2021	Grand Total
☰ Covid	7,419,097	4,989,370	12,408,467
☰ Support Services	3,276,316	3,499,697	6,776,013
HSE Integrated National Operations Hub (INOH Covid 19 Response)	3,273,137	1,326,127	4,599,264
1GC		1,291,791	1,291,791
2020/21 Winter & Pandemic Plans, Financial Analysis support on direct/indirect costs of Covid pandemic	3,180	881,779	884,958
☰ Testing & Tracing COVID 19	1,959,035	1,327,313	3,286,348
Covid-19 Testing Process Optimisation Project	1,959,035		1,959,035
Test & Trace Operating Model		1,033,773	1,033,773
Contact Tracing Centre Service Improvement Programme		293,540	293,540
☰ Acute Hospitals Division	2,183,746	162,360	2,346,106
Relevant Accountants for Covid Private Hospitals Arrangement & Support to Acute Private Hospital Operations Workstream	2,183,746	162,360	2,346,106
☰ Non Covid	4,366,665	971,459	5,338,124
☰ Support Services	1,813,679	971,459	2,785,138
Corporate Centre Review	1,058,853	473,241	1,532,094
Corporate Plan	440,196	45,375	485,571
Strategic Workforce Planning & Resourcing - CERS	237,130	38,206	275,336
Scheduled Care/Recovery & Transformation		232,502	232,502
Board Strategic Scorecard		109,420	109,420
NSP 2021	77,501		77,501
Data Retention Policy Review		72,715	72,715
☰ Mental Health Division	1,341,908		1,341,908
National Forensic Mental Health Service Transition	1,341,908		1,341,908
☰ Acute Hospitals Division	1,117,352		1,117,352
Childrens Health Ireland	1,050,203		1,050,203
CBA's for Capital projects	67,149		67,149
☰ Primary Care Division	93,726		93,726
Enhanced Care Programme Implementation Approach Development Support	93,726		93,726
Grand Total	11,785,761	5,960,829	17,746,590