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**PQ 61161/21\* To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the HSE capital and estates division engage with external design consultancy companies on the delivery of capital projects compared to internal in house design reviews; the level of HSE expenditure in the past three years on external service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Dillon**

Dear Deputy Dillon,

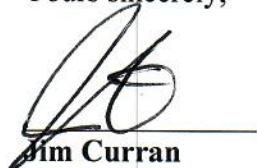
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE's Capital and Estates division are responsible for the delivery of projects included in the HSE's Capital Plan. To deliver what is a substantial annual capital programme (approximately €833m in 2020) the HSE utilise the expertise of design professionals such as Architects, Engineers, Quantity Surveyors, etc. who are engaged, as required, on a project by project basis. The Capital & Estates division manage both the project and the design professionals on behalf of the HSE. The delivery of capital projects by the HSE is managed in line with the HSE's Capital Projects Manual & Approvals Protocol and the Public Spending Code.

Please find attached PDF listing HSE capital expenditure on external design consultancy services for the full years 2018-2020 inclusive, and the year 2021 to date. The costs of such professional consultancy services amount to approximately 3-4% of the HSE's annual capital budget. The table reflects payments captured on the HSE's system under the following categories:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>
40139	Project management fees
40132	Quantity Surveyor
40133	Architect
40134	Electrical Engineer
40135	Civil Engineering Fees
40136	Structural engineering fees
40141	Technical Advisors
40142	Mechanical engineering fees

Yours sincerely,



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**National Director,**  
**Capital & Estates**