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Deputy David Cullinane TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 61713 21: *To ask the Minister for Health the amount of public funding spent by his Department, the HSE and all other public healthcare providers on external consultancy work from 2017 to date by purchaser in tabular form.*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

In compliance with the stipulations of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (“the Code”), as published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in August 2016, the HSE discloses the total Consultancy costs charged to Income and Expenditure in Appendix 2 to the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS). Consultancy costs include costs of external expert analysis and advice to management which contributes to decision making or policy direction. It excludes outsourced ‘business as usual’ functions. In order to meet this disclosure requirement, an extensive exercise, involving manual collation from numerous ledger systems and analysis of the data, is completed annually as part of the AFS process. The latest consultancy costs available are contained in the 2020 HSE Annual Financial Statements. These can be accessed from the HSE website at the following link: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/annualrpts.html> with Appendix 2 located at page 189 of the Report. Please see Appendix 1 attached for the breakdown by provider.

I regret to inform you that the same information for the years 2017 to 2019 is not available as 2020 was the first year that this disclosure was included within the HSE AFS. Furthermore, I regret to inform you that the data requested for year to date 2021 is not readily available from the HSE Finance ledgers. There are still currently numerous ledger systems in operation in the HSE and therefore differences in coding may arise. As stated above, due to the extensive nature of the collation exercise the process is completed on an annual basis only. The HSE AFS 2021 is expected to be published in May 2022.

The shortcomings in the HSE legacy financial systems are well acknowledged and their replacement by a single standard financial system for the Health Sector is at the core of the Finance Reform programme initiated by the Department of Health.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1 to PQ 61713 21

Table 1

HSE Consultancy costs by vendor for the year 2020

VENDOR	COVID	NON-COVID	TOTAL
ERNST & YOUNG BUSINESS ADVISORS	7,625,027	3,192,755	10,817,782
PRICEWATERHOUSE COOPERS	4,050,940	4,944,143	8,995,083
GRANT THORNTON	1,329,497	1,823,771	3,153,268
PA CONSULTING GROUP	1,232,655	1,566,824	2,799,479
DELOITTE IRELAND LLP	1,273,813	1,051,747	2,325,560
GARTNER IRELAND LTD		1,522,374	1,522,374
CENTRE FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICES		973,453	973,453
VISION CONSULTING LTD	937,207		937,207
THE CENTRE FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICES		825,000	825,000
KPMG	415,097	280,395	695,491
PROSPECTUS LTD	434,385	10,394	444,778
KEFRON MCLAW	7,872	326,850	334,722
MCO PROJECTS LTD		306,824	306,824
DEPT DIGITAL LTD	149,762	144,472	294,234
LIGHTFOOT SOLUTIONS GROUP LTD		212,037	212,037
Sub total > €200k	17,456,254	17,181,037	34,637,291
Sub total <€200k	1,445,286	2,090,298	3,535,585
Grand Total All	18,901,541	19,271,335	38,172,876