

Oifig an Phríomhoifigigh Airgeadais Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte Seomra 125, Ospidéal Dr. Steevens BÁC 8 Office of the Chief Financial Officer Health Service Executive Room 125, Dr Steevens Hospital Dublin 8

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

Re PQ 51774 21: To ask the Minister for Health the total amount outstanding to HSE creditors in August 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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.

As at the 31st August 2021 the HSE's creditor balance was €2.81bn for amounts falling due within 1 year.

HSE's creditors are based on the payment terms agreed with vendors. As per NFR 1 Purchase to Pay, The HSE standard payment terms in respect of normal suppliers or what are often referred to as "Traders" are within a range of 30 to 45 days from receipt of invoice or delivery of goods/services whichever is later.

The level of expenditure being incurred has also a direct impact on the HSE's creditors balance. Per 2020 NSP the HSE budget was €17,055.6m and in 2021 it is €20,623.1m, an increase of €3,567.5m. This increase will have a direct relationship with the HSE's creditors balance.

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

Yours sincerely

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