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Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 43489/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if the inclusion of PPE in the budget for appliances for persons with disabilities will result in patients receiving inferior care or quality of prosthetic limbs, surgical footwear, hearing aid and personal emergency response systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Michael Fitzmaurice**

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 43489/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The procurement of PPE is not included in the budget line for Aids and Appliances, therefore it will not have any impact on the care of people, or the quality of the prosthetic limbs, surgical footwear, or hearing aids provided.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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