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Deputy Róisín Shortall TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 41829 22: *To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 303 of 30 June 2022, the details of all allocations over €1 million made by the HSE to for-profit commercial service providers over each of the past three years, broken down by service category and exact allocation figure.*
(Follow on question to PQ 35162 22 Attached **Appendix 1**)

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

As previously advised in response to PQ 35162 22, each year the HSE Annual Report and Financial Statements (AFS) Appendix 1, details HSE Revenue and Capital grants to Section 38 & 39 agencies. All agencies in receipt of grant funding greater than €100k are listed by name. This information is available from the HSE website at the following link with all HSE Annual Reports and Financial Statements listed from 2005 to 2021.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/annualrpts.html>

In Appendix 1 of the AFS, the Service Arrangement type (for example Section 38s & 39s) and Service Categories of funded organisations are not separately identifiable.

The data in Appendix 1 of the AFS is collated centrally on an annual basis and subject to audit for the purposes of the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS) process. Due to the limitations in the HSE financial systems and the lack of a single standard financial system for the Health Sector this data must be collated as part of an extensive and resource intensive exercise.

In responding to your previous PQ, we undertook an additional extensive manual exercise to extract the Service Type Arrangement and Service Category for each of the service providers from the SPG system (Service Provider Governance system) and match them to the agencies in Appendix 1 of the AFS resulting the table released to you in PQ 35162 22.

Due to the volume of agencies and the manual nature of the extraction I emailed & called your office on 02/08/22 to discuss your request with a view to refining it. Having spoken to you today, I now attach the listing of Grants to outside agencies – excel file attached. I understand that you are going consider this listing and revert back.

The shortcomings in our 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 sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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