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Deputy Pauline Tully,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 34665/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if outcome measures in relation to the funding of prosthetics and orthotics are used to evaluate and direct funding on an audited outcome measure basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Pauline Tully**

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Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 34665/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Prosthetics and orthotics are provided based on clinical prescription, and as such, the outcomes measures related to the provision of this equipment are measured by the clinicians involved.

In accordance with this, the outcomes measures utilised are clinical rather than related to funding. However, it should be noted that where equipment prescribed is outside the normal range of provision, engagement takes place with the clinical team/prescriber to ensure that the optimal clinical outcomes are matched to the budget available to the service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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