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Deputy Ivana Bacik TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 49933 22 - *To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of all section 39 funded organisations in 2021 and 2022 respectively, in tabular form; the amount of funding awarded to each; the way that the funding allocation for each makes provision for pay, terms and conditions of the staff employed in each; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Bacik,

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.

Each year the HSE Annual Report and Financial Statements (AFS) Appendix 1, details the HSE Revenue and Capital grants only to Section 38 & 39 agencies, charities and other grant funded organisations. All agencies in receipt of grants greater than €100k are listed by name. This information is available from the HSE website at the following link <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/annualrpts.html>, with all HSE Annual Reports and Financial Statements listed from 2005 to 2021. In Appendix 1 of the AFS, the categories of funded organisations (for example Section 38s & 39s) 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. I regret to inform you that, due to these limitations, we are unable to extract the data by each agency category type from our records of grants to outside agencies. However for your information the HSE Compliance Unit have provided, in a separate excel attachment to this letter, a list of all Section 39 agencies as at 13th Sept 2022 (being 1,476 organisations) as sourced from the HSE Service Provider Governance (SPG) system. The AFS Appendix 1 data for 2022 will not be available until completion of the 2022 Annual Financial Statements.

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.

Section 39 agencies are agencies under Section 39 of the Health Act 2004 where the HSE provides a grant to allow the agency to provide services similar or ancillary to the HSE. However, it must be acknowledged that Section 39 organisations are privately owned and run, and staff in these organisations are not public servants. Their terms and conditions of employment, once in line with employment legislation, are strictly between the employer and the employee and lie beyond the remit of the HSE and 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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