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Deputy Duncan Smith,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 42330/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposal for an e-tender framework to outsource audiology services to reduce waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Duncan Smith**

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Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 42330/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary Care is in the process of establishing the specifications, in conjunction with HSE procurement and HSE IT, for the identification of a panel of suitably qualified and competent audiologists nationally with a defined process for quality assurance.

Services to be tendered include paediatric audiology assessments for children above 4 years of age, adult assessment, hearing aid fittings and reviews.

This will be dependent on the availability of suitability qualified practitioners and available funding.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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