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Deputy David Cullinane TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re PQ 33901 23: *To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing external professional fees in public healthcare by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Re PQ 33902 23: *To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing external consultancy fees or spend in the healthcare system by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQs above has been referred to me for response.

The estimated cost of reducing the total HSE consultancy costs by 10% would be €9.8m.

The calculation is based on the total professional consultancy cost figure for 2022 (€98m) and is for HSE statutory services only. Consultancy costs are disclosed in the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS) 2022 in Appendix 2 which can be accessed using the following links:

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

[HSE-Annual-Report-and-Financial-Statements-2022.pdf](#)

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