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Deputy Rose Conway Walsh TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re **PQ 27965 23:** To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022.

Dear Deputy Conway Walsh,

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.

In compliance with the stipulations of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies ("the Code"), as published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in August 2016, the HSE discloses the total Consultancy costs charged to Income and Expenditure in Appendix 2 to the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS). Consultancy costs include costs of external expert analysis and advice to management which contributes to decision making or policy direction. It excludes outsourced 'business as usual' functions. In order to meet this disclosure requirement, an extensive exercise, involving manual collation from numerous ledger systems and analysis of the data, is completed annually as part of the AFS process.

When the HSE AFS 2022 are published it will then be possible to provide you with records relevant to your request.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>sarah.anderson1@hse.ie</u> or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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