



22nd June 2023

Mr. Denis Naughten TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 29389/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO5 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The below table outlines the number of Assessment of Need (AON) assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO 5 in 2022 and 2023:

No. of Assessments	2022	2023
Wexford	7	78
Carlow/Kilkenny	4	46
Waterford	4	30
South Tipperary	19	42
Total	34	196

The total cost for assessments outsourced to date in 2022 and 2023 is €109,800

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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