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PQ 29393/23 *“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 CHO9 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” – Denis Naughten TD*

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The total number of Assessments of Need (AON) outsourced to private providers by Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) in 2022 was 683. The number of Assessments of Need (AON) outsourced to private providers in 2023 as at 30th June 2023 is 355. This is a total of 1,038.

Since the beginning of 2022 502 AONs were entirely completed by private providers. The cost to complete these assessments was approximately €1.5 million.

There are currently, 536 AONs which have been outsourced to private providers in progress. The CHO DNCC AON office is invoiced by private providers upon conclusion of a child's assessments. As each child has varying needs, it is common that additional assessments may be required in the determination of a child's health needs. Therefore there is no standardised cost associated per child's AON outsourced to a private provider. These costs vary depending on the provider and the complexity of assessments required.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

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