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Deputy Mark Ward TD,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 38929 23: *To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the funding provided for Section 38 and 39 organisations; the funding provided for these organisations, by year, from 2020 to date; if this funding will increase in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

Each year the HSE Annual Report and Financial Statements (AFS) Appendix 1, details HSE Revenue Grants to Section 38 & 39 agencies. All agencies in receipt of grants greater than €100k are listed by name. This information is available from the HSE website at the following link <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/annualrpts.html>, with all HSE Annual Reports and Financial Statements listed from 2005 to 2022. The data in Appendix 1 of the AFS is collated centrally on an annual basis and subject to audit for the purposes of the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS) process.

Please see Table 1 below in the Appendix to this letter which provides the HSE Total Revenue Grants to Section 38 and Section 39 organisations for the years 2020 to 2022.

As stated above, the data in Appendix 1 of the AFS is collated centrally on an annual basis and subject to audit for the purposes of the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS) process. Due to the limitations in the HSE financial systems and the lack of a single standard financial system for the Health Sector this data is not captured on a real time basis and must be collated as part of an extensive and resource intensive annual exercise. The 2023 funding information will therefore be available on completion of the 2023 Annual Financial Statements.

The current shortcomings in our legacy financial systems are well acknowledged and their replacement by a single standard financial system for the Health Sector is at the core of the Finance Reform programme initiated by the Department of Health.

Future funding levels are reviewed as part of the 2024 Estimates process which is currently ongoing.

Please note that the information provided in Appendix 1 of the AFS is the Revenue and Capital Grant funding by the HSE to outside agencies. For information on the spend by Section 38 and 39 voluntary entities, you should submit requests to the entities directly. Contact details for voluntary hospitals are available at <http://foi.gov.ie/voluntary-hospitals/>.



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

Yours sincerely

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Table 1

HSE Revenue Grants to S38 and S39 Outside Agencies			
Category	2020 €m	2021 €m	2022 €m
Section 38s	3.930	4.188	4.666
Section 39s	1.512	1.503	1.676
Total	5.442	5.691	6.342

Source: HSE AFS Appendix 1 (Sec 39s includes Sec 39 For Profit organisations and Sec 39 Private Hospitals)