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***PQ 15451/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the spend by hospitals on outsourcing of procedures to private practice in public hospitals and to private hospitals in each quarter of 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form. -David Cullinane***

***PQ 15452/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the spend by hospitals on outsourcing of diagnostics in each quarter of 2016-2020, inclusive, in tabular form. -David Cullinane***

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Following review of the request and engagement with colleagues in HSE National Finance Division, regrettably this information is not readily available in a standardised or comparable format from the finance systems.

The shortcomings in the HSE legacy 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.

Please see the below link for information on measures to be implemented by the HSE in this regard:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/finance/financereformprogramme/>

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

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