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Deputy John McGuinness,
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RE PQ 13450/23

Question

To ask the Minister for Health the minimum value for the supply of goods or services to the HSE that requires the HSE to seek tenders via a public procurement process; if he is satisfied that the HSE is compliant with all Government regulations and policy relative to procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -John McGuinness

Response

Deputy McGuinness,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

In line with, EU Directive 2014/24/EU, the HSE's Financial Regulations and Circular 05/2023 from Dept. of Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform the following thresholds apply for HSE public procurement processes –

- Contracts valued below €5000 can be awarded on the basis of verbal or written quotes from one or more suppliers.
- Contracts valued between €5000 and €50,000 can be awarded on the basis of
 - Responses to written specifications sent to 3 or more suppliers
 - Responses to at least 3 quotations using the request for quotation process on eTenders
 - A more formal tender process on eTenders
- Contracts valued between €50,000 and €221,000 are published on eTenders
- Contracts valued over €221,000 are published on the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)

All values are exclusive of VAT.

As set out in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (provisions 8.16 – 8.21 inclusive) the HSE completes an annual Statement of Internal Control (SIC) which specifically calls out compliance with public procurement regulations. HSE Procurement Compliance provide reports on a quarterly and annually basis to HSE Senior Management Team and the Audit & Risk Committee.

The declared annual compliance level has been reported between 88%-93% in recent years; an independent review / verification process was conducted by an external 3rd party to provide assurance over the robustness of the declarations made. This verification exercise is intended to provide independent assurance over the self-assessment process to the CEO, Executive Management Team (EMT), Audit & Risk Committee (ARC), the Board and the Comptroller & Auditor General.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the National Director of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via john.swords@hse.ie

Yours sincerely,



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