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PQ 6523/25* To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of any overspends exceeding €500,000 on projects undertaken or commissioned by her Department or by any State or semi-State body under the aegis of her Department in each of the past five years; if so, the number and extent of any such overspends, in tabular form; to outline the plans to ascertain levels of such overspends; the further plans to ensure that such information is reported to her Department in a timely fashion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

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.

This response has been collated for the purposes of providing an update on Capital Projects only, the HSE are involved in multiple other procurements and contracts that may or may not have increased contract costs, these are not specifically covered by this response

As with all publicly funded bodies, the HSE adheres to strict National and EU public procurement procedures governed by EC Directive 2014/24/EU and the National Guidelines "Public Procurement Guidelines – Competitive Process" when undertaking any capital build works. In addition the HSE complies with the Department of Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform Capital Works Management Framework (CWMF). This CWMF is an integrated set of contract forms, guidance and standards that are available for the delivery of capital build public works.

Under the Capital Works Management Framework the Contract figure is a not fixed price, provision is made in the contract for claims where there may be scope changes to the project, service delivery, legislative or socio-economic issues which may impact on the delivery timelines and the outturn cost of the project such as inflation, poor weather events etc.

Through robust internal Project Management and the appointment of our Design Team partners and Employers Representatives the HSE carries out mandatory and robust management of these contracts aligned with HSE Capital Projects Manual and Approvals Protocol to ensure the expenditure of the capital build programme is controlled.

Assuming that the Deputy's question refers only to final Capital projects accounts v's original works contract sums, HSE Capital & Estates do not hold this information centrally in the format indicated by the Deputy and would have to carry out a specific detailed exercise to obtain same.

However Capital & Estates do report quarterly to the Audit & Risk Committee of the Board of the HSE on works contracts greater than €10m (excl VAT) which have reached final account and have been approved by the Board since 2020. This information is shared in Appendix 1 enclosed with this response.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1

Quarterly Report to Audit & Risk Committee of the Board of the HSE on works contracts greater than €10m (excl VAT) which have reached final account and have been approved by the Board since 2020.

Project Description	Board Decision Number	Contract Award Value Approved €m excl. VAT	Agreed Final Account Value €m excl. VAT	Completion Date (Quarter & Year)
Contract Award Ward Block Mater Hospital	271120/51	€58.50	€68.25	Q3 2023 additional 9 rooms complete Q4 2024
Contract Award for 50 Bed Community Nursing Unit to replace the existing St.Conlon's Community Nursing Home, Nenagh, Co Tipperary	260221/14	€14.80	€18.12	Q3 2024
Contract Award – Outpatients Department (Phase 1) at Merlin Park University Hospital Galway	300922/68	€10.49	€10.706	Complete Q3 2024
Contract Award for improvement works at the Carraig Mór Mental Health Facility, Cork	161222/101	€10.30	€11.10	Complete Q4 2024
Contract Award for the construction of a 12 bed Critical Care Unit at Tallaght University Hospital	250920/38	€ 13.51m	€ 15.74m	Complete Q3 2022
Contract Award 72 Bed Ward Block, St. Lukes Kilkenny	210820/36	€ 22.50m	€ 22.98m	Complete Q2 2022
Contract Award 60 Bed Extension Heatherhouse, St. Mary's CNU Cork	271120/50	€ 20.86m	€26.05m	Complete Q4 2022
Contract Award 30 Bed Ward Block Mercy University Hospital	271120/48	€ 19.80m	€ 22.53m	Q4 2022 (Beds) Q3 2023 (operating theatres)

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Contract Award Radiation Oncology Building at University Hospital Galway	310120/01	€ 28.94m	€33.10m	Complete Q1 2023
Contract Award 50 Bed Residential Care Centre at Seán Purcell Road, Tuam, Co. Galway	290121/04	€ 17.38m	€ 19.76m	Q3 2023