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Mr Cian O'Callaghan TD,
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PQ 7185 /25 *"To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure a funding increase for an organisation (details supplied) to allow it to keep up with operating costs inflation, and to ensure it can implement the 12 recommendations put forward for the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter."* - **Cian O'Callaghan, TD**
Details supplied: An Saol Foundation

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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.

An Saol is a section 39 funded agency managed for people with disabilities. The Agency provides a valuable service to a small number of clients with a severe Acquired Brain Injury.

IHA Dublin North City & West was recently informed by the National Director of HSE Procurement and the HSE Chief Financial Officer that due to budgetary constraints, the HSE is not in a position to consider funding increases in respect of provision of services by funded agencies for the foreseeable future.

The Health Service has to operate within the parameters of funding available to it and given the current economic environment, this has become a major challenge for all stakeholders, including the HSE, service providers, services users and their families.

The HSE recognises the value of the services provided by An Saol and wants to assure you that we are committed to working in partnership with all service providers to achieve maximum benefits for people with disabilities, while also ensuring that resources available are used in the most effective manner possible.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Enda Doody
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Dublin North City & West