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## RE PQ 38603/25

## Question

To ask the Minister for Health if respect for international law and human rights throughout the supply chain, from production to delivery, is written into the HSE's procurement policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Marie Sherlock

## Response

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

The HSE is accountable for effective and compliant procurement that delivers value for money with security of supply. Procurement activities take place within a regulated environment underpinned by complex EU and national legislation. The <a href="HSE Procurement Policy Statement">HSE Procurement Policy Statement</a> sets out that one of its primary objectives is to fully comply with Government Guidelines and EU Public Procurement Directives applicable to state bodies, notably Directive 2014/24/EU. This Directive enables the integration of social, environmental, and labour standards throughout the supply chain. By adhering to these requirements, the HSE ensures that procurement practices promote respect for international law and human rights.

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 2251 or via ProcurementND@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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