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Deputy Seán Fleming Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

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RE PQ 42735/25

Question

To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department, or any agency operating under its aegis, including HSE, have used reserved contracts or social clauses in their public procurement tenders in the past five years; if so, the nature of the reserved contract or social clause; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Fleming

Response

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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.

I can confirm that Strategic Sourcing & Contracting has not used reserved contracts or social clauses in any tenders in the past 5 years. The use of such clauses would not be relevant to contracts completed in that period.

Part III of the European Single Procurement Document (ESPD), which is used in all HSE tenders, does include an option for completion by Tenderers for contracts which are reserved for sheltered workshops or 'social' businesses. However, this section is identified as not applicable when the contract is not suitable for social businesses.

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.

