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Deputy Pádraig Rice TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re PQ 13333 25: To ask the Minister for Health the total paid to private consultancy firms by the HSE, from 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025, by company and category of consultancy, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

In compliance with the stipulations of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies ("the Code"), as published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in August 2016, the HSE discloses the total Consultancy costs charged to Income and Expenditure in Appendix 2 to the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS). Consultancy costs include costs of external expert analysis and advice to management which contributes to decision making or policy direction. It excludes outsourced 'business as usual' functions. In order to meet this disclosure requirement, an extensive exercise, involving manual collation from numerous ledger systems and analysis of the data, is completed annually as part of the AFS process. 2020 was the first year that this disclosure was included within the HSE AFS. HSE Consultancy costs are disclosed in the HSE AFS for each of the years 2020 to 2023. For ease of reference please see Table 1 in Appendix 1 to this letter.

Please also see Table 2 in Appendix 2 (separate excel attachment) to this letter for a breakdown by vendor for the years 2022 and 2023. The costs are for HSE Statutory Services only. We do not have this breakdown for 2020 & 2021 readily available. 2022 & 2023 were available as they were compiled as part of a separate exercise. To provide a breakdown for 2020 & 2021 would be a hugely cumbersome manual exercise.

The data requested for the year 2024 and year to date 2025 is not readily available from the HSE Finance ledgers. As stated above, due to the extensive nature of the collation exercise the process is completed on an annual basis only so the figures will not be available until after the completion of the HSE Annual Financial Statements and audit for 2024 and 2025.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1 to PQ 13333 25

Table 1

HSE Consultancy costs incurred for the years 2020 to 2023

HSE Statutory Services Only

	2020	2021	2022	2023
	€'000s	€'000s	€'000s	€'000s
Legal Advice	84	6	263	224
Tax & Financial advisory	-	218	139	87
Public relations/marketing	299	273	344	75
Human Resources & Pensions	245	186	280	211
Strategic Planning and Business improvement **	23,038	51,043	59,442	79,493
IT Consultancy	3,294	7,653	5,392	13,325
Other	21,055	16,496	31,784	8,097
Total	48,015	75,875	97,644	101,513

Source: Appendix 2 HSE Annual Financial Statements

^{**} Includes costs related to Covid-19

Vendor Name	2022	20:
A LENNON SOLICITORS	€'000s	€'00
ACRUX CONSULTANCY LTD		13
AILEEN COLLEY CONSULTANCY		17
ANTHONY KEARNS		
ARCHUS LTD		62
ARTHUR COX SOLICITORS B BRAUN WELLSTONE	820	1
BINDMANS LLP	820	5
BYRNE WALLACE SOLICITORS		
CDI CONSEILS ET DEVELOPPEMENTS INFORMATIQUES SA	1,190	62
CENTRAL SOLUTIONS LTD	145	9
CENTRE FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICES	450	89
CES CIPTEX LTD	453	69
CLIENTS SOLUTIONS LTD		21
CODEC DSS LTD T/A CODEC		
COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY		
CREATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE		
CROWDSTRIKE INC		9
CROWLEYS DFK		4
DAWSON CORNWELL LLP DELOITTE IRELAND LLP	6,195	4,91
DERILINX LTD	0,193	4,31
Digital Shadows	190	
DOYLE & COMPANY SOLICITORS	-	
DUBLIN DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE		
RNST & YOUNG BUSINESS CONSULTANTS	20.15-	6
ERNST AND YOUNG	36,197	20.25
ERNST AND YOUNG CONSULTANTS FIELDFISHER IRELAND		39,25 1
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL		
GARTNER IRELAND LTD	887	2,14
GERARD RALEIGH T/A GERARD RALEIGH CONSULTANCY		
Global Ent	276	
Grant Thornton	7,562	7,86
HARWYN LTD		3
HEALTHCAR INFORMED LTD HEALTHCARE LOGIC PTY LTD		2.00
Heneghan PR		3,00 7
HOMECARE (IRL) LTD	48	,
HUBDRIVE GMBH		5
HUGH MOHAN		
HUMAN365 GMBH		9
B M IRELAND LTD	2,802	5,59
D PAL LIMITED n Touch Consulting Ltd		23 14
N-SITU CLINICAL LTD		14
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ohn James Tevlin	-	
KEY ANSWERING SYSTEMS LTD		7
KINECTICS PROCESS CONSULTING LTD		10
KOSI CORPORATION LTD KPMG	100	65
AW SOCIETY OF IRELAND	166	31
IGHTFOOT SOLUTIONS GROUP LTD	135	15
MAZARS	155	25
MCCANN FITZGERALD SOLICITOR		1
MEDIAVEST T/A SPARK FOUNDRY		5
MULTIDISCIPLINARY COMPANY LTD		2
NATIONAL FACILITY SOLUTIONS		3
NOONAN LINEHAN CARROLL COFFEY SOLICITORS	107	4.7
OPEN APPLICATIONS CONSULTING LTD OPEN TEXT UK LTD	187	12 32
OPERASEE LTD		16
PA CONSULTING GROUP	2,477	1,29
PETER SMYTH MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY		6
PHILIP LEE SOLICITORS		1
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS	23,245	21,39
PROPERTY REGISTRATION AUTHORITY PROSPECTUS LTD	904	47
PURE NETWORKS LTD	804	18
RED FLAG CONSULTING LTD		7
SAGE ADVOCACY CLG		33
SALUTEM INSIGHTS LTD		6
SENSORI FM LTD		8
SQUARE HAMMER LTD		3
ST ANDREWS HEALTHCARE		
ST JOHNS SOLICITORS SUSHIL TEJI		4
FEKENABLE LTD		10
FELENT TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LTD		6
Fennant Consulting Ltd		3
TOTAL HEALTHCARE	1,926	
TWILIO INC		7
VISION CONSULTING LTD	11,942	7,33
/P MCMULLIN SOLICITORS		
WINTHROP ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS		7
Misc other	1	