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## RE PQ 55340/23

### Question

To ask the Minister for Health who appoints the panel to score the tenders for ambulance services for HSE hospitals (Cavan Monaghan hospital ran a tender for the provision of ambulance services based on price and quality. The contract was awarded to Festimed, an event company which deals with festival event emergencies. As part of the tender the company was required to have four ambulances that are less than 5 years old. The tender process were informed that Festimed did not have these. We are informed that on the first day of the contract two weeks ago they have been using three other private ambulance companies and have been trying to buy UK ambulances. Serious questions also arise as to whether staff have been Garda vetted.); and what experience they have. -Niamh Smyth

### Response

Deputy Smyth,

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 Procurement Evaluation Group (PEG) members are nominated by an individual Client Organisation, Client Hospital or Hospital Group. PEG members are drawn from a mix of backgrounds with responsibility for patient flow management and / or call off of Ambulance Services and / or Finance.

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 2688 or via [john.swords@hse.ie](mailto:john.swords@hse.ie)

Yours sincerely,

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