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Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh,
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RE PQ 56171/23

Question

To ask the Minister for Health the total value of procurement overseen by his Department and HSE as a central purchasing body; the percentage of compliant and non-compliant procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Rose Conway-Walsh

Response

Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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.

HSE is the largest purchaser in the State with annual Procurement spend of €4.9 billion approximately.

As set out in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (provisions 8.16 – 8.21 inclusive) the HSE completes an annual Statement of Internal Control (SIC) which specifically calls out compliance with public procurement regulations.

The declared annual compliance level has been reported between 88% - 93% in recent years; an independent sampling and review / verification process was conducted by an external 3rd party to provide assurance over the robustness of the declarations made.

This verification exercise is intended to provide independent assurance over the self-assessment process to the CEO, EMT, ARC, the Board and the Comptroller & Auditor General.

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

Yours sincerely,

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