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Deputy Mark Ward TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

**Re PQ 34582 24:** To ask the Minister for Health the amount accrued by the HSE in paying interest on late payments of invoices, in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Clarification received on 4/9/24:** The request relates to the cost the HSE incurred in the periods mentioned relating to interest as a result of late payments to its suppliers/contractors/others.

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive 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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

The total cost to the HSE of Prompt Payment Interest and Compensation for the years 2022 and 2023 is included in Note 8 - Non Pay Expenditure to the 2023 HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS), categorised under Office & Administration Expenses. A link to the HSE Annual Reports and Financial Statements is provided below.

HSE Annual Reports and Financial Statements - HSE.ie

Extract from Note 8 to HSE AFS 2023	2023	2022
HSE Statutory Services only	€'000	€'000
Prompt Payment Interest & Compensation	2,518	1,874

Please note that the data requested for year to date 2024 is not currently readily available nor centrally collated. The data is collated on an annual basis as part of the AFS process.

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

Yours sincerely

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