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Deputy Gino Kenny TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re:

PQ 3800 21: *To ask the Minister for Health if a list will be provided of current contracts that the HSE has with private consultancy firms for each HSE division and directorate, for example, corporate change, disability and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

PQ 3801 21: *To ask the Minister for Health the estimated spend on private consultancy and auditing services in the HSE in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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's above have been referred to me for response.

In response to your PQ 3800 21 please see Appendix 1 attached which provides the information you have requested to the extent that it is available. This details the current consultancy type contracts recorded on the Procurement Plan Management System (PPMS) Central Contracts Register as maintained by HSE HBS Procurement.

In addition, since March 2020, a number of consultancy firms have been engaged to support the HSE with the significant work undertaken in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Given the urgency of the situation these contracts were negotiated under 'urgent emergency' provisions in accordance with the provisions of Article 32.2.(c) of the EU Procurement Directive (2014) and Guidance from the European Commission on using the public procurement framework in the emergency situation related to the COVID-19 crisis (2020/c 108/01). These can be accessed using the following links:

<https://ogp.gov.ie/eu-directive-201424-eu-procurement-directive/>

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.CI.2020.108.01.0001.01.ENG>

Estimated Covid related consultancy costs in 2020 amounted to approximately €8.7m.

In response to your PQ 3801 21, I refer you to Note 8 of the HSE Annual Financial Statements which includes disclosure of Audit fees and Legal & Professional Fees. The HSE Annual Financial Statements are available at the following link - <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/annualrpts.html>. Please see Appendix 2 attached which provides the HSE Audit fees and Legal & Professional fees analysis for the years

2018 & 2019. The data for 2020 will not be available until after the 2020 HSE Annual Financial Statements are complete, expected to be circa April.

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 - Response to PQ 3800 21

HSE Current Contracted Consultancy Projects - at 1/1/21

Directorate	Value of Contract	Successful tenderer	Start date
OoCIO	2,759,750	Caveo Information Systems & Ivanti International	01/05/2019
Corp HBS	2,664,307	Accenture	28/05/2019
Corporate Finance	19,118,933	DXC Technology	24/11/2019
Primary Care	76,692	TCD	30/11/2019
Mental Health	36,119	Roundtable MT	05/10/2020
Mental Health	52,859	Acrux Consulting	12/10/2020
Source: HSE HBS Procurement			

Appendix 2 - Response to PQ 3801 21

HSE Audit and Legal & Professional Fees for 2019 & 2018

	2019	2018
	€'000	€'000
Audit	594	540
Legal	19,643	23,691
Professional fees	53,767	64,392
Legal & professional fees	73,410	88,083

Source: *HSE Annual Financial Statements 2019*