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Query

To ask the Minister for Health the private firms indemnified by the State Claims Agency in the State; and the cost of this indemnification in the past five years.

Response from SCA:

The State Claims Agency (SCA) does not currently provide indemnification to any private firms or enterprises. In the past, indemnification had been provided for obstetric-related claims against Mount Carmel (Dublin) and Bon Secours (Cork) hospitals for an agreed period under the Special Obstetrics Indemnity Scheme (SOIS). This scheme is in the process of wind-down as the two hospitals ceased the provision of obstetrical care and the SCA is currently managing legacy cases only as a result of this indemnification period.

The SCA also provides indemnification for a set of private clinics (e.g. Merrion Fetal Health, Merrion Fertility Clinic, Rotunda IVF-The National Fertility Centre) associated with public hospitals under the Clinical Indemnity Scheme.

The figures supplied below are extracted from the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and relate to expenditure on the SOIS over the requested five year period. The total cost over this period includes damages, legal fees and other expert costs.

Criteria used

- This report shows the total amount paid by the State Claims Agency under the SOIS during the years 2014-2018, as recorded on NIMS.
- Location at level 3 is equal to SOIS.
- This report is correct as of 21/06/2019.

Table 1

Location at Level 3	Location at Level 5	Total Amount Paid 2014-2018
SOIS	Bon Secours Hospital, Cork	€64,818
	Mount Carmel Hospital, Dublin	€1,097,305
Grand Total		€1,162,124

Table 1: Amount Paid against Private Healthcare Locations 2014-2018

Definitions:

National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Incidents (which include claims) are reported using the “National Incident Management System”. This is hosted by the State Claims Agency (SCA) for the HSE, other Healthcare enterprises and State Authorities. An incident can be a harmful Incident (Adverse Event), no harm incident, near miss, dangerous occurrence (reportable circumstance) or complaint.

Special Obstetrics Indemnity Scheme (SOIS)

This scheme was set up to handle obstetric-related claims against Mount Carmel (Dublin) and the Bon Secours (Cork) hospitals relating to the provision of obstetric claims for an agreed period in those hospitals. The SOIS is funded from the Bon Secours and Mount Carmel funds.

SOIS is separate from the CIS and is funded separately.