***PQ Ref*: 28670/24 – Pauline Tully**

***Question***

To ask the Minister for Agriculture; Food and the Marine if all State agencies under the remit of his Department received more than 66% of their total current funding from the Exchequer for the year 2023; and if not, the agencies that received less than the 66% of their total current funding from the Exchequer, in tabular form.

**Year 2023**

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| **Name of Agency** | **Current Funding** | **Funding From Exchequer** | **% Funding from Exchequer** | **Comment** |
| Aquaculture Licensing Appeals Board | €828,869 | €778,869 | 94% |  |
| Bord Iascaigh Mhara  | €125,240,259 | €123,686,178 | 99% |  |
| Marine Institute    | €27,121,000 | €27,105,003 | 99% |  |
| Sea Fisheries Protection Authority  | €27,381,000 | €21,469,562 | 78% |  |
|  Greyhound Racing Ireland (Rásaíocht Con Éireann) | 2023 Audited Accounts are not yet available | €18.2m total funding from the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund. Current €17.8m and Capital €0.4m | Not available | 2023 Audited Accounts are not yet available, so percentage is not yet known. |
| Horse Racing Ireland  | 2023 Audited Accounts are not yet available | €72.8 total funding from the Horse and Greyhound Fund. Current €58.1m and Capital €14.7m | Not available | 2023 Audited Accounts are not yet available, so percentage is not yet known. |
| Irish National Stud  | Nil | Nil | Nil |  |
| Bord Bia  | €91,701,000 (total income) | €67,793,000 | 74%  | Source = REV 2024 |
| Coillte  | Nil | Nil | Nil | No direct exchequer funding is paid to Coillte (Commercial State Body). Same as for all landowners in the State, Coillte are eligible to receive grants and premia under the Schemes included in the Forestry Programmes. |
| National Milk Agency  |  |  |  | The National Milk Agency is self-funded via a levy to Industry. It is not in receipt of any funding from the Exchequer.  |
| Teagasc  | €232,000,000 | €168,600,000 | 72.6% | The overall amount (€232m) includes €12.6m exchequer funding that Teagasc received from non DAFM sources. Included are figures for DAFM funds and non DAFM funds that also came from the exchequer e.g. SFI, EPA, EI etc. |
| Veterinary Council of Ireland  | N/A | N/A | N/A | The VCI is self-financing. It is funded through income from registration fees and practice premises accreditation fees, which it sets in respect of veterinary practitioners, veterinary nurses and veterinary practice premises. |
| (Agri-Food Regulator) Board of An Rialálaí Agraibhia | N/A | N/A | N/A | Not applicable as ARA were only set up in December 2023. ARA are yet to receive direct funding from the exchequer. Staff are currently paid by DAFM. |