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**Sean Fleming , T.D.**

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed on an agency basis in his Department and in each agency under his aegis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

All health systems have a level of reliance on agency staffing in order to deliver safe and effective services over 365 days, 24 hours a day, when dealing with gaps in recruitment, critical staff shortages, short term crises etc.

The HSE has established a National Framework Agreement for the Provision of Agency Services for engaging staff.

In response to the Deputy's question, the actual numbers of staff engaged from Agencies is not recorded centrally. All services within the HSE are obliged to procure agency placements from this Framework Agreement when the need arises.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie O'Sullivan".

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**Marie O Sullivan**

**National HR**