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"To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of 335 positive BRCA results that were processed at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; his plans to review the 3,500 negative results; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Martin,

I refer to your representation above to which I have been asked to provide a response.

A lookback review audit was carried out in quarter 4 of 2018 in CHI at Crumlin. This review examined records of patients who attended a consultant geneticist or genetic counsellor/consultation at the department of clinical genetics and who had a positive Diagnostic Genetic BRCA test result.

The purpose of this review was to ensure that all Positive Diagnostic BRCA results were correctly communicated to the patients referring consultant. This review concluded that no further discrepancies were identified in communicating positive Diagnostic Genetic BRCA test results to a patient's referring consultant.

CHI at Crumlin committed to a second phase review of the remaining BRCA test results which commenced on 1st April 2019 and is expected to be concluded by May 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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