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Deputy Brendan Howlin TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re PQ 30352 19: the full-time equivalent number of staff positions in the health services whose role is to process payments in relation to private health insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Howlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Private health insurance (PHI) payments are processed in a number of different settings across the HSE. These payments may be processed for example by staff in hospital accounts departments or community settings and others departments. PHI payments processing varies from setting to setting and is subject to business requirements. The resource expended on processing PHI payments is not captured centrally.

I regret to inform you that the information to respond to your query above is not available.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>sarah.anderson1@hse.ie</u> or tel: 045 882559.

Yours sincerely

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