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Deputy Mary Butler T.D., Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

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"To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed in the treatment abroad scheme office; the length of time it takes to process an application once all the paperwork is in order; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Butler T.D.,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

The HSE Treatment Abroad Scheme is operated by four front line staff members and supported by 4 additional administrative/supervisory staff members.

The timeframe for processing applications is 15-20 working days but the majority of applications are processed in a much shorter timeframe.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie

Yours sincerely,

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