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Deputy Louise O'Reilly TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 27334 19: *To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of ensuring all maternity leave is covered across the HSE -Louise O'Reilly*

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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.

From available data it is estimated that an average of approximately 4,970 WTE's will be on maternity leave during 2019 (HSE Statutory & Voluntary). It is not possible however to give an accurate figure for the cost of ensuring all maternity leave is covered across the HSE as the data required to produce such a figure is not available. Details of the type of cover being arranged in each case is not held centrally. Maternity leave can be covered in a number of ways which may include agency cover where there is a service need, in particular for frontline staff.

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

Yours sincerely

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