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Re: PQ 39551/19

**\* To ask the Minister for Health the reason training recognition for registrars in otolaryngology at University Hospital Limerick was withdrawn following a visit by a member of the surgical advisory committee in otolaryngology on 27 August 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Michael Harty**

Dear Dr Harty,

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.

I can confirm that training recognition for registrars in Otolaryngology was withdrawn on the 27th August 2014. It was concluded by the Surgical Advisory Committee that there was an unsatisfactory training environment at the University Hospital Limerick due to ENT Departmental issues. The particular period which led to the training recognition loss in August 2014 was between the years 2012 to 2014.

I trust this clarifies the position, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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