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Deputy Thomas Pringle,  
Connolly House,  
Bridge Street,  
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Co. Donegal.

**Re: PQ 40875/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health if the outstanding number of posts awaiting decision by the National Director for Donegal CHO amounting to over 100 posts remaining vacant will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Pringle,

The HSE introduced interim control measures in April 2019 to ensure affordable and appropriate recruitment decisions are made, as the HSE need to operate within allocated budgets considering the National Service Plan 2019.

Positions submitted to the National Director as part of the interim measures, are very carefully considered in the context of service delivery and patient safety, and decisions regarding approval are made on a weekly basis.

I trust this information if of assistance to you, however if you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact my office

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Patrick Murray,  
Head of HR, CHO 1**