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Mr. Robert Troy T.D., Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question - 38995/19

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 148 of 18 September 2019, the reason the HSE is employing agency clerical officers instead of hiring persons off the panel in view of the fact the panel is still active Robert Troy.

Dear Deputy Troy,

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 have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Agency clerical staff have been engaged in some cases to cover absences arising from sick leave or maternity leave. In a very small number of cases vacant posts are covered by agency staff pending approval to fill under the employment control measures in place, at which stage these agency staff will be replaced by appointments from the current clerical officer panel.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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