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Deputy Nolan
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PQ ref 41099/20: To ask the Minister for Health if there is data available on the number of pre-born children diagnosed with cleft lip, cleft palate and clubfoot for the period 1 January 2019 to date; if so, if he will make such information available; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Nolan

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 the following outlines the position.

There is no central register that collects data on the antenatal diagnosis of Cleft Lip, cleft pallet and club foot. Consequently we are unable to provide that data.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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