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Deputy Paul McAuliffe ,TD
Leinster House,
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Re; PQ 12860/20

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question to;

Ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the rat infestation in north-western areas of Dublin; and the role of the HSE in this regard.

Response

Under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919, the primary responsibility for keeping land free of rats and mice lies with the occupier. The owners of any public land are responsible for arranging the treatment of their own land.

The HSE Pest Control Service undertakes baiting on behalf of local authorities when requested to do so, and provides a free pest control service for people living in Dublin City and County.

I trust this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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