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Re: PQ 5814/20

Question: To ask the Minister for Health the average gap in days between the date that Covid-19 victims died and when they are officially reported as deaths.

Dear Deputy O'Brien,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

We are advised as follows:

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*"The average gap in days between the date that Covid-19 victims died and when they are officially reported to Public Health as deaths is four days."*

*"Note: The above data relates to deaths reported to the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) as of 11:15am on 19/05/2020. All data is provisional; the national computerised infectious diseases reporting system (CIDR) is a dynamic system and is updated continually as further information is received."*

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I trust this addresses your question

Yours sincerely,

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