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Deputy Brian Stanley,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 28091/20 - To ask the Minister for Health if the inequality in income vis a vis a trainee, a child and educational psychologist and a clinical psychologist undertaking a doctorate that receive a starting salary of approximately €33,000 will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Salary scales for employees in the HSE are set by the Department of Health. All trainee Psychologists are paid the same rate. It should be noted that as Trainees, they are not qualified and still in training. It is also noted that the salary stated is higher than other grades in similar situations.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline Nix

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