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To ask the Minister for Health the processing time for approval for eye tests in a health centre (details supplied); the reasons for the delay in the processing of applications; his plans to tackle the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The ophthalmology department in Ballinasloe Health Centre is currently experiencing a 3 month delay due to the Covid-19 emergency. During the Covid-19 period, many opticians were closed hence the delay, which is now returning to normal.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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