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Ms. Neasa Hourigan TD Dáil Eireann Leinster House Dublin 2

## Re: PQ ref 19949/21

## "To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish an eHealth forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

The eHealth Ireland Committee was established in October 2015 and is chaired by Professor Philip Nolan. Unfortunately, due to time constraints on both Professor Nolan and the CIO, the committee has been unable to meet during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The priority ICT deliverables have been, and continue to be, the Covid-19 pandemic requirements, including the Covid-19 Vaccination programme, as well as the Winter Plan 20/21, Service Plan 2021 & Sláintecare deliverables.

The HSE fully intends to recommence the eHealth Ireland Committee meetings at the appropriate time, when the Covid-19 pandemic has ceased.

I have also attached, for your reference, the most recent approved eHealth Ireland Committee Terms of Reference document (November 2019).

If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Fran Thompson, Interim Chief Information Officer, OoCIO, HSE.