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**Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

**RE: To ask the Minister the number of children currently on a suspended inpatient list for scoliosis surgery across all hospitals; the time suspended; the number of children waiting and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Connor

I refer to your PQ above and can advise that the current active waiting list as of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 stands at 217, this figure includes suspensions.

There are currently 17 children suspended from the waiting list for a variety of clinical reasons to include formal assessment by other Specialties such as General Paediatrics, Paediatric Cardiology and Anaesthesiology

Each suspension is reviewed by the spinal team at intervals up to 3 months, as per the National IDPP Waiting List Management Protocol (2017). Following the clinical review, the patient may come out of suspension, or in a small number of cases, be re-suspended for a further period until they are deemed fit for surgery.

Yours sincerely

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