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**Deputy Barry Cowen T.D.,  
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**PQ- 5510/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of magnetic resonance imaging scanners in Portlaoise Regional Hospital: the number of scans carried out from Monday to Friday: and the number of scans carried out at the weekends.**

Dear Deputy Cowen

I refer to the above parliamentary question in respect of the provision of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) services at the Midland regional Hospital, Portlaoise and advise as follows:

There is one MRI scanner at the hospital which is operated by Alliance Medical through a service level agreement with the hospital. The service is currently provided two days per week with approx. 20 scans undertaken between Monday to Friday. There is currently no weekend MRI service provided at the hospital.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely

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