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Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 17318/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to deal with the backlog of primary medical certificates due to application progression only recommencing recently due to recent High Court action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Aindrias Moynihan”

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 17318/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In January to March 2021 a total of 401 assessments for primary medical certificates were completed across the country. There are challenges in some CHO areas in progressing assessments for primary medical certificates due to redeployment of Medical Officers particularly in regard to the COVID Vaccine Programme and management of outbreaks in Residential Care Facilities across the country. The HSE is currently revising its service recovery and restoration plans taking account of the COVID pressure challenges presenting. Assessments for primary medical certificates are considered in that context and every option is being considered to address the backlog for assessments for primary medical certificates.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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