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Deputy Mary Lou McDonald T.D. Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 54994/21

"To ask the Minister for Health the measures which are in place to deal with delays in registering births in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter." – Mary Lou McDonald

Dear Deputy McDonald,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 54994/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Civil Registration Service in the Eastern Registration Area is operating an appointment based service for the registration of births. This has been in place since ceasing the emergency Covid-19 legislation on the 30th of September 2021.

The Health Service Executive is currently expediting the appointment of staff to existing vacancies in the service, which will facilitate the ability of the service to broaden its number of appointments.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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