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Deputy Nolan,
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PQ Ref 41856/21: To ask the Minister for Health the companies or organisation that provide prenatal diagnostic testing to women accessing abortion in Ireland; if Irish general practitioners or hospitals use prenatal diagnostic screening tests by a group (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that it has recently become a matter of public record that the group is allegedly using these test results from other jurisdictions to collect the genetic data of women and their unborn children and maintaining this on a genetic database of the Government of China; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Antenatal non-invasive prenatal testing/screening is accessed directly by pregnant women and is not part of routine public antenatal care. It is not provided or funded by the HSE. The National Women's and Infants Health Programme have no details or information on which laboratory companies are used for these tests.

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I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary-Jo Biggs'.

Mary-Jo Biggs, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme