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RE: PQ 41870/21

To ask the Minister for Health the progress made by his Department to date in relation to the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Health's Report on addressing Vitamin D deficiency as a public health measure in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have reviewed the information and the following outlines the position.

As a public health measure the recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee are being considered by office of the CMO in the DOH regarding clinical guidance in the context of the available evidence and the recent publication by the Food Safety Authority on Vitamin D (*Vitamin D Scientific Recommendations for Food Based Dietary Guidelines for Older Adults in Ireland 2020*).

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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