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Dail Eireann,
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PQ 17423/22

"To ask the Minister for Health if he will increase the resources available to the HSE Civil Registration Service in order that the backlog of marriage registrations can be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter." - Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 17423/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Due to the shutting down of the Civil Registration Service from March to July 2020 and the after effects of the HSE Cyber-Attack in May 2021 there is currently a backlog of marriage requests. There is delays in all registration areas for appointments for parties to serve notice of intention to marry.

Work in this registration area has been undertaken since August of last year to fill a number of existing vacancies as well as recruiting additional staff. This will deal with the workload in this registration area which undertakes approximately 50% of the national workload.

Coupled with additional staff is the sourcing of additional accommodation as well as the refurbishment and reconfiguration of existing office space which will support dealing with the current workload.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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