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PQ 35348/22: To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering introducing an apprentice programme for therapy grades; the way that such a programme would work; the estimated cost of such a programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – David Cullinane

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was sent to the HSE for response.

There are no plans at this moment to introduce an apprentice programme for therapy grades.

Any such development would need to directly involve key stakeholders including DoH, DFHEIS, HEA, HEIs, CORU and the HSE. An apprenticeship programme would need to meet the standards set by CORU and secure approval by the relevant registration board at CORU and ensuring that graduates could meet the CORU standards of proficiency for entry to the specific profession.

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

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