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Deputy Pauline Tully,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 39665/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the timeframe for applications to be assessed for the blind welfare allowance in each CHO; the protocols in place outlining the timeframes for reviewing applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 39665/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE does not report on waiting times for applications for blind welfare allowance. However the HSE is not aware of any delays in processing applications for blind welfare allowance.

In January to April 2022 there were 129 applications for blind welfare allowance and this rate of applications is broadly in line with the 356 applications for blind welfare allowance in full year 2021.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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