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Deputy Cormac Delvin  
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**Re: PQ35183: To ask the Minister for Health if public health authorities' sample for the presence of the polio virus in wastewater; if so, if the virus has been detected since the start of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Delvin

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

Currently, there is no national waste water surveillance for enterovirus, including polio virus. However, following the recently introduced national waste water surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 there are discussions about including enterovirus surveillance (including poliovirus) in the future. This would depend on funding and resources to enable this surveillance.

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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