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## PQ 11223/22

"To ask the Minister for Health if additional staff in the HSE will be made available to meet demand and deal with the current backlog of birth registrations; and if he will make a statement on the matter." – David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 11223/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I am pleased to inform you that four additional staff have been recruited for the Civil Registration Service in the Eastern Region.

The additional staff have resulted in increase in appointments for registration of births and deaths from 350 a week to 480 appointments a week in Joyce House. With effect from 28<sup>th</sup> February a further 42 marriage notification appointments are now being scheduled each week. Two further staff are currently undergoing pre-employment checks.

The service has been working on rolling out an online appointments booking system to provide service users with clear visibility of the available appointments and to allow them to select a time/date that suits them, this development is at the initial testing phase and will be available in the coming weeks.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mary P. FitzPatrick

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