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To ask the Minister for Health when the emergency department taskforce last met given the present difficulties with hospital overcrowding; if an organisation (INMO) has called for such a meeting; the latest initiatives to be considered by the next emergency taskforce meeting; the measures that are being introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

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

The Emergency Department Task Force (EDTF) which is advisory nature is co-chaired by myself and the General Secretary, INMO. The EDTF met as scheduled on Monday 28th March 2022.

The EDTF discussed the current pressures being experienced across all of our acute hospital emergency departments and all of our health and social care services and the impact of the current trend in COVID-19 incidence rates on services.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Anne O'Connor
Chief Operations Officer