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Deputy Catherine Murphy

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

**PQ Number: 55999/22 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to conduct a new external audit of post-mortem standards in Ireland**

Dear Deputy Murphy

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE Internal Audit division conducted an audit against the “Health Service Executive Standards and Recommended Practices for Post Mortem Examination Services” (2012) and provided the report to management in February 2022. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/media/pressrel/review-of-the-operation-of-hse-standards-and-recommended-practices-for-post-mortem-examination-servicespost-mortem-process-review.pdf>

The HSE does not have plans to conduct another audit at this time as the focus is on implementing the recommendations and updating the guidelines on post mortem examination services.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Brennan'.

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Margaret Brennan  
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