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PQ 51759/22 To ask the Minister for Health the HSE roles that will be put forward for social care worker registration; and the level three qualifications that will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Canney

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was sent to the HSE for response.

Firstly to advise the Deputy that the HSE does not put forward roles for registration. This function is not within our statutory role. Regulation approves programmes for entry to a profession and protects the title. Registrants then must comply with the code of professional conduct and ethics and there is a fitness to practice process. This matter is decided by the Dept of Health.

CORU, the Health and Social Care Professions Regulator, is the body with the statutory role in relation to approval of qualifications for the designated professions. Regulation will protect the title social care worker and therefore for the HSE and every other employer, any role called social care worker will need to be filled by a registered social care worker.

Yours sincerely,

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