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PQ Ref 51872/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of abortions carried out by general practitioners for each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ Ref 51873/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of abortions carried out in hospitals under section 12 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Nolan.

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 was passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas and signed into law by the President in December 2018. The Health Service Executive commenced provision of an expanded termination of pregnancy services as provided for under this Act on 1st January 2019.

Data on termination is collated by the Department of Health via the notification process. The Minister for Health must prepare a report on the notifications received in a given year not later than 30 June the following year and lay it before the Houses of the Oireachtas. This report may then be published. The first three reports, for 2019, 2020 and 2021, can be found on the links below.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b410b-health-regulation-of-termination-of-pregnancy-act-2018-annual-report-on-notifications-2019/>

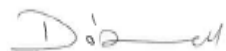
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ef674-health-regulation-of-termination-of-pregnancy-act-2018-annual-report-on-notifications-2020/>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ce61b-notifications-in-accordance-with-section-20-of-the-health-regulation-of-termination-of-pregnancy-act-2018-annual-report-2021/>

The 2022 Annual Report will be published by the Minister as soon as practicable, once it has been laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas in June 2023.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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