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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd  
Dáil Éireann  
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**PQ 17689/23 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 249 of 8 March 2023, if a response will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ 17690/23 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 332 of 9 March 2023, if a response will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Fergus O'Dowd**

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Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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.

Per the response provided on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in respect of Parliamentary Questions 11931/23, 12091/23, 12092/23 and the clarification email provided by this office on the same date, the position remains the same.

In relation to the first question within PQ 11931/23:

*"To ask the Minister for Health if the commissioner of the report of the investigation of complaints made by protected disclosure into a community nursing home was requested by a company to extend the remit of the report to include evidence presented by this Deputy to the investigating team on 7 December 2022.."*

This matter was considered by the investigation team and brought to the commissioner's attention in order to seek instruction in relation to the issues you raised on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with the investigation team.

In relation to the second question within PQ 11931/23:

*"..the reasons given not to extend the remit to include details of any consultations they had with others in relation to this issue.."*

The issues you raised with the investigation team on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 referred to a period that was not covered under the Terms of Reference. Furthermore, and in accordance with the Terms of Reference, the purpose of the

investigation was to investigate specific matters disclosed, by the discloser. The matter pertaining to the management of emails was considered by the HSE at the time it emerged and no grounds for further action were identified. I trust this also provides any necessary clarification in relation to PQ 12092/23.

In relation to the third question within PQ 11931/23:

*"..the reason it took ten months to publish this report.."*

The HSE accepted the final report in January 2023 and took a number of weeks to engage with residents and families prior to publication of the Executive Summary of the report in March 2023.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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