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PQ 7153/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in Ireland that suffered fatal and serious anaphylactic reactions due to exposure to food items in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Griffin

Dear Deputy Griffin,

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's Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) system is a health information system designed to collect medical and administrative data regarding discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. All acute public hospitals participate in HIPE.

With regard to your particular request, unfortunately, the information as you requested it is not available. I am advised that there is a code in HIPE for anaphylactic reaction due to food, but HIPE has no way of identifying the severity, nor is there a way to identify what condition a patient died of. Also, the 2022 HIPE data is not closed yet, and they don't provide information on open data. In addition, HIPE can only provide the number of episodes and not the number of patients.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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