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Deputy Whitmore
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PQ Ref 63189/22: To ask the Minister for Health when the review and investigations into water births will be completed; the date that water births will be facilitated for those home-birthing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

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 National Women and Infants Health Programme has previously issued a response to this question in our answer to PQ 62225/22 on the 4th January 2023

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mary-Jo Biggs, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme