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Deputy Nolan Dáil Éireann, Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 32387/23: To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of the number of adverse incidents, in tabular form by severity scale and broken down by month, reported to the State Claims Agency which related to the Health Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 from January to date in 2023; 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.

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. The most recent Report on Notifications is available online at:

https://opac.oireachtas.ie/Data/Library3/Documents%20Laid/2023/pdf/DOHdoclaid220623_111159.pdf.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is the platform created by the State Claims Agency for the reporting of all incidents. Unfortunately, NIMS incidents are not recorded in such a way as to make it possible to differentiate between incidents which relate specifically to termination of pregnancy. For example, incidents associated with pregnancy or the end of the pregnancy, include delivery, ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage and/or termination of pregnancy. It is therefore not possible to provide the information you have requested.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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