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**Deputy Paul Murphy T.D.,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Deputy Murphy,

PQ Number: 33483/23

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of the audit report that took place into the TAPs funding.**

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in on the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

The HSE administered the Temporary Assistance Payments Scheme (TAPS) and made payments to the Nursing Homes. The National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) administered the application process and provided support and advice to the HSE.

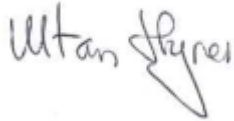
Please find attached a copy of the HSE Internal Audit report **Covid 19 Temporary Assistance Scheme to Private Nursing Homes ("TAPS")**, issued 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

The principle objective of this audit was to ascertain whether the HSE was complying with its obligations in relation to the overall administration of TAPS, placing particular focus on payment procedures and controls employed by the HSE's National Finance Division and Older People Operations.

Audits of the payments under the TAPS scheme, from its inception in April 2020 to its cessation in April 2023, are being completed by the appointed external auditors and remains ongoing.

Finalisation of the audit will require ongoing contact with third parties and both agencies are working to bring this to a conclusion as soon as possible.

I trust that this clarifies the matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ultan Hynes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

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**Ultan Hynes**  
**Head of Service**  
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