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PQ 34952/23 To ask the Minister for Health how many HSE staff are currently suspended from work awaiting a fitness to practice review; the average time it takes for such reviews to be carried out; the total amount of salaries paid to suspended staff in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Ciarán Cannon

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

For professions that are regulated, fitness to practice complaints are dealt with by the regulator such as CORU, NMBI and Medical Council. In general, the duration for review depends on the nature and complexity of the complaint. Based on information available from the services, there are approximately 20 staff across HSE services suspended with pay awaiting fitness to practice review. The HSE continues to progress cases involving staff suspended with pay via the appropriate HSE Policy.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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