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Dear Deputy O'Dowd

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

PQ 23685/23

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 269 of 11 May 2023, if he will provide further details on the internal HSE TAPS audit referred to; the date it was received by the HSE, and him and his Department; the results and recommendations of this audit; when his Department intends to publish the final audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

An independent consultancy firm was appointed to perform audits of a sample of TAPS claims submitted by nursing homes to assess compliance with the original scheme guidelines. A number of audits have been undertaken to date and the final reports in respect of these audits are not yet available. The HSE are, therefore, not in a position to comment on the contents of these reports at this time.

I hope that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Whelehan".

Patricia Whelehan
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