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Deputy Roisin Shortall TD
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To ask the Minister for Health if, in view of changes to the recruitment process for qualified paramedics, the competency assessment process for qualified paramedics has undergone a review, following the problems identified by the Oireachtas Health Committee in January 2023, in particular the multiple-choice questions exam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The entire process for recruiting qualified paramedics was under review prior to January 2023 and a new pathway was introduced earlier in the year. The Multiple-Choice questions are from a validated question bank used for all paramedic classes, are referenced to current Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) clinical practice guidelines (CPGs), and relevant policies and procedures.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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