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PQ 39175/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of pregnant people with hyperemesis associated with cannabis use; the number of this occurring from 2013 to date; if there are HSE information campaigns about the use of cannabis while pregnant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

In responding to your query, the data in relation to the number of pregnant people with hyperemesis associated with cannabis use isn't collated at national level.

With regards to if there are HSE information campaigns about the use of cannabis while pregnant, please see below a link for the HSE cannabis and you campaign:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/addiction/drugshihelpline/cannabisleaflet2ed.pdf>

Please also see the HSE's page on taking illegal drugs while pregnant:

<https://www2.hse.ie/pregnancy-birth/keeping-well/health-lifestyle/taking-illegal-drugs-during-pregnancy/>

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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