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Deputy Nolan  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**PQ 5291/24: To ask the Minister for Health to provide the names of the members of the National Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Service Improvement Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ 5292/24: To ask the Minister for Health to identify the ten work-streams identified by the National Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Service Improvement Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position on the various areas and issues you raised.

A National Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Service Improvement Group has been established. The purpose/function of the Group is to oversee and support the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Review of the Safety and Management of Termination of Pregnancy Services, as provided under Section 11 of the Health Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act.

The TOP Service Improvement Group have had two meetings to date. Ten work-streams have been identified, the objectives, actions and plan of work for each specific planned work-stream will be finalised in collaboration with the members of each work-stream. Each work-stream is identified below:

- Work-stream 1 – HSE Workplace Policies (Conscientious Objection & Conscientious Provision)
- Work-stream 2 – Early Pregnancy Ultrasound
- Work-stream 3 – Management Pathways – Section 12
- Work-stream 4 – Surgical TOP and MVA
- Work-stream 5 – Leadership Models and Health Systems - Role of the MDT
- Work-stream 6 – Prenatal Screening
- Work-stream 7 – Fetal Medicine
- Work-stream 8 – Audit and Data Collection
- Work-stream 9 – Education and Training
- Work-stream 10 – Maternal Health and Section 9

With regards to the names of the members of the National TOP Service Improvement Group, see below.

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**Clinical Genetics**

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**Medical Social Work**

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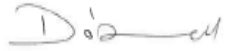
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I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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