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**PQ 30417/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE posts allocated to cancer services as per his letter of determination to the HSE outlining his funding priorities following Budget 2024; the overall number of WTE posts allocated to health services for 2024; and the number of WTE posts allocated to each of safe staffing, critical care, urgent and emergency care, cancer services and HIQA, in tabular form. -David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response. The HSE has now finalised its Pay and Numbers Strategy following detailed discussion over the last number of months with the Department of Health and the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform. There is now a new approved maximum Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) staff figure for the HSE and Section 38 Agencies of 129,753. (This excludes disability services provided by the HSE and its S 38 Organisations in that sector, pre-registration nursing and midwifery students, and 76 special assignment temporary posts). The HSE recruitment embargo therefore ended on Monday 15th July 2024. The figure of 129,753 includes an additional 3,310 new service development posts.

Each of the six HSE Health Regions and each national service will be provided with its own specified number of WTEs and they can, within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts. This provides greater flexibility for Health Regions and national services to respond to the needs of the population and prioritise posts appropriately. This allocation process is underway and work is ongoing to finalise the detailed breakdown of the WTE in each Service. This process will be completed by the end of August/early September.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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