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Deputy Wynne,
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PQ 12989/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who died in each maternity hospital in Ireland for each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

The Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) does not disclose cases where the discharges are between 1 and 5 for confidentiality reasons, therefore we have provided a total figure over the 10 years rather than a breakdown by hospital and year.

Table 1: Number of discharges with admission type 'Maternity' and with discharge destination 'Died', reported to HIPE, 2013-2022

	2013-2022
Maternity hospital/unit*	12
Non-Maternity hospital	~

* Includes maternity hospitals or hospitals with dedicated maternity units.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mary-Jo Biggs, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme