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Re: PQ 21807/24

To ask the Minister for Health the reason the annual total numbers of reported serious incidents on the national incident management system is not reported; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your question.

The HSE and HSE-funded organisations report incidents on the National Incident Management System (NIMS). It is important to note that incident reporting systems are not intended to be just data collection points but rather repository for managing and learning from incidents.

Coverage and the quality of data is continually improving with improvements facilitated by innovations such as electronic point of occurrence reporting. However, considerable data validation is required in advance of publication to remove duplicate entries etc. when an incident involves more than one site etc.

The HSE is working towards routine publication of incident data.

Yours sincerely

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