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**PQ19567/25-To ask the Minister for Health the details and timeline for the review of the role of physician associates; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

Thank you for your representation.

The HSE has committed to carrying out an assessment of the role Physician Assistants to ensure appropriate deployment. The aim of the project is to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the physician assistant role internationally and make recommendations for standardisation, scope of practice, and appropriate deployment in Ireland, and will report within six months. The review will commence in May 2025.

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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