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Ms. Carol Nolan TD

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Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Minister has referred PQ ref 2835/25 to the Health Service Executive for a direct reply. Please see response to your PQ below.

Question:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of test purchase inspections of the sale of tobacco and vaping products carried out in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Response:

The HSE National Environmental Health Service (NEHS) is responsible for enforcing Section 28 of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Act 2023, which prohibits the sale of tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products to children. The NEHS monitors the compliance of retailers with this legislation through the implementation of an annual test purchase inspection programme. In 2024, the NEHS Environmental Health Officers nationally conducted 394 test purchase inspections.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Maurice Mulcahy

Regional Chief Environmental Health Officer