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**Deputy Richard O'Donoghue,  
Charleville Rd,  
Kilmallock,  
Co.Limerick,  
18/7/25.**

**Re; PQ No 37574/25**

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

I refer to the Parliamentary question above referred to the HSE on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

**Question;**

*To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the following details with respect to the HSE and four planning appeals submitted to An Bord Pleanála (details supplied) if the HSE received a notification of the planning appeal; if so, the date of notification and the body that issued the notification; whether the HSE made a submission to the appeal; and; if so, the date of any such submission; in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seskin Wind Farm (ABP Ref: PL01.320354), Briskalagh Wind Farm (ABP Ref:PL10.322154), Fahybeg Wind Farm (ABP Ref: PL03.317227), and Lackareagh Wind Farm (ABP Ref: PL03.321285), in tabular format; 1) whether the HSE received a notification of the planning appeal; 2) if so, the date of notification and the body that issued the notification; 3) whether the HSE made a submission to the appeal; and; 4) if so, the date of any such submission.*

**Response:**

As a general point the HSE do not routinely make observations at the appeal stage of any planning application. The roll of the HSE is to add to the body of knowledge that a Planning Authority considers prior to making any decision on a planning application.

The HSE does not form an opinion on the merits of any appeal against a decision made in the planning process or the merits of the original decision. These considerations are solely the responsibility of the Planning Authority.

Any submission made by the HSE as a statutory consultee on a planning application is made available by the Planning Authority to An Coimisiún Pleanála during their consideration of an appeal. The HSE submission is taken as read. Therefore, the notification of an appeal by either the local Planning Authority of An Coimisiún Pleanála does not routinely result in a further submission by the HSE.

The following table outlines whether the HSE received a notification of the planning appeal, if so, the date of notification, the body that issued the notification and whether the HSE made a submission to the appeal.

<b>ABP ref (An Coimisiún Pleanála)</b>	<b>HSE Notified of Appeal. Yes/No</b>	<b>Date of notification</b>	<b>Body issued notification</b>	<b>HSE submission to appeal Yes/No</b>
Seskin Wind Farm (ABP Ref: PL01.320354)	Yes	07.08.2024	Carlow County Council	No
Briskalagh Wind Farm (ABP Ref: PL10.322154)	Yes	01.04.2025	Kilkenny county Council	No
Fahybeg Wind Farm (ABP Ref: PL03.317227)	Yes	01.06.23	Clare County Council	No
Lackareagh Wind Farm (ABP Ref: PL03.321285)	Yes	12.06.25 letter dated 21.11.2024	Clare County Council	No

Yours sincerely,

Shane Keane,  
Regional Chief Environmental Health officer