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Re.

PQ 42866/25 To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe between an initial appointment at each of the rapid access prostate clinics and diagnosis with prostate cancer where it occurs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 42867/25 To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe between an initial referral to each of the rapid access prostate clinics and a diagnosis with prostate cancer where it occurs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 42960/25 To ask the Minister for Health to outline the longest, the median and the shortest timeframe between a patient's initial appointment date in each of the prostate rapid access clinics (details supplied) and the date of diagnosis with prostate cancer in each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) collates a subset of summary (aggregate) data related to specific tumours, including data pertaining to the rapid access services in each of the 8 designated cancer centres for people with suspected prostate cancer.

Although the NCCP measure the key performance indicator for the proportion of patients offered an appointment to attend the rapid access prostate clinic within the recommended timeframe of 20 working days of receipt of referral, the NCCP do not collect data on the timeline between the date of first attendance at the rapid access prostate clinic and subsequent date of diagnosis for those found to have prostate cancer.

Yours sincerely,

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