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**PQ 14029/25: To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the work to date of the National Termination of Pregnancy Service Improvement Group; how many times the group has met since its establishment; full details of membership of the group and their qualifications; the minutes of meetings of the group to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Collins,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to respond directly to you regarding the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health. I have reviewed the matter, and the following outlines the current position in relation to the various areas and issues raised.

The National Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Service Improvement Group has convened four times to date. Ten dedicated work-streams have been established, and alongside the main group meetings, a number of sub-group meetings have also taken place. Key areas of focus in recent months include:

- Expanding geographical coverage of termination of pregnancy services;
- Developing standardised national information;
- Ensuring current, evidence-based guidelines are in place; and
- Improving data collection and reporting.

Regarding your query on the TOP Service Improvement Group membership, the membership is broad, comprising a wide range of health and allied healthcare professionals. Represented specialties include: Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Maternal Fetal Medicine, Clinical Genetics, Neonatology, Psychiatry, Midwifery, General Practice, Medical Social Work, Palliative and Bereavement Care. Service users and advocacy groups also participate in the Group.

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TBC

Formal minutes of the TOP Service Improvement Group meetings are not recorded, however attendance and agreed actions are documented.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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