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Deputy McGreehan,
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PQ 26833/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of antepartum deaths recorded at 17–23 weeks' gestation and at 24–34 weeks' gestation, for each year from 2013 to date in 2025.

PQ 26834/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of intrapartum deaths recorded at 35–42+ weeks' gestation, for each year from 2013 to date in 2025.

PQ 26835/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of stillbirths recorded at 35–42+ weeks' gestation, for each year from 2013 to date in 2025.

PQ 26836/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of stillbirths recorded at 35–42+ weeks' gestation, for each year from 2013 to date in 2025.

Dear Deputy McGreehan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position on the various areas and issues you raised.

In relation to the information you have requested, the HSE would like to refer you to the annual Perinatal Mortality National Clinical Audit undertaken by the National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC), UCC with the full support and collaboration of the 19 public maternity sites and services in Ireland. Extensive suites of information and data are collated by NPEC as part of this annual clinical audit which collects and compares data in a range of areas across years, with the most recent data available being 2023. Areas covered include trends in perinatal mortality rates, trends in still birth by gestational age groups, trends in early neonatal death by gestational age group, causes of death in still births etc

This data and the associated annual clinical audit report can be accessed at the following link
<https://www.ucc.ie/en/npec/clinical-audits/perinatalmortalitynationalclinicalaudit/>

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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