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To ask the Minister for Health for an urgent update on the business case that has been submitted for an optometrist in South Tipperary; to provide details on when this was submitted; the reason for the delay in approving this post; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

I can confirm that the Optometrist Post was approved at the LECG (Local Employment Control Group) and the RECG (Regional Employment Control Group). This post is currently in the HSE recruitment process and will be advertised in the coming weeks.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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