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PQ 48444/23: To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of abortions performed at the RCSI Hospital Group, broken down by category of the 2018 Health Act (ss. 9-12) for the years 2019 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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.

The Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 was passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas and signed into law by the President in December 2018. The Health Service Executive commenced provision of an expanded termination of pregnancy services as provided for under this Act on 1st January 2019.

Data on Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) is collated by the Department of Health via the notification process. The HSE does not collate TOP data for Individual Hospital or Hospital Groups at National level.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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