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17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Deputy Carol Nolan,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ Ref 48447/23**

**\* To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of abortions performed at the South/Southwest 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\*.**

- Deputy Carol Nolan

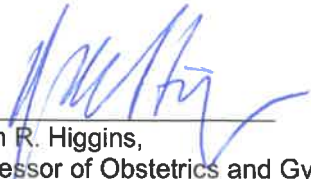
Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

| <b>2019</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Section 9</b>             | <b>Section 10</b> | <b>Section 11</b> | <b>Section 12</b> |
| 5                            | 0                 | 20                | 44                |
| <b>2020</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Section 9</b>             | <b>Section 10</b> | <b>Section 11</b> | <b>Section 12</b> |
| 5                            | 1                 | 17                | 38                |
| <b>2021</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Section 9</b>             | <b>Section 10</b> | <b>Section 11</b> | <b>Section 12</b> |
| 2                            | 1                 | 13                | 38                |
| <b>2022</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Section 9</b>             | <b>Section 10</b> | <b>Section 11</b> | <b>Section 12</b> |
| 3                            | 0                 | 17                | 44                |
| <b>2023 YTD incl October</b> |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Section 9</b>             | <b>Section 10</b> | <b>Section 11</b> | <b>Section 12</b> |
| 2                            | 1                 | 24                | 44                |
| <b>Total:</b>                |                   |                   | <b>319</b>        |

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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