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**PQ 15113/24: To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline, in light of the article published on 21 March 2024 in the Irish Medical Journal which described the case of a woman treated for an ectopic pregnancy three days after a medical termination of pregnancy, how many cases there have been in Ireland from 2019 to date where an ectopic pregnancy was treated in an Irish hospital following a termination-of-pregnancy procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ 15115/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number and categorical heading of adverse incidents on record which has followed termination of pregnancy from 2019 to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Collins,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Data on termination is collated by the Department of Health via the notification process. The Minister for Health must prepare a report on the notifications received in a given year not later than 30 June the following year and lay it before the Houses of the Oireachtas. The most recent Report on Notifications is available online at:

[https://opac.oireachtas.ie/Data/Library3/Documents%20Laid/2023/pdf/DOHdoclaid220623\\_111159.pdf](https://opac.oireachtas.ie/Data/Library3/Documents%20Laid/2023/pdf/DOHdoclaid220623_111159.pdf).

An ectopic pregnancy is a pregnancy that grows outside of the womb. It cannot develop into a baby and it could put your health at risk if the pregnancy continues. Ectopic pregnancies affect 1 in every 80 pregnancies in Ireland. An ectopic pregnancy usually happens in the fallopian tube. This is the tube that normally carries the egg from the ovary to the womb. The Irish Maternity Indicator System (IMIS) collates this data. With regards to cases there have been in Ireland from 2019 to date where an ectopic pregnancy was treated in an Irish hospital following a termination-of-pregnancy procedure, the HSE does not collate this data nationally.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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