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Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív  
Kirwan House,  
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Gaillimh

**Re PQ 19306/24**

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

Further to your PQ 19306/24 I wish to advise you of the following:

The legal basis for fluoridation of public water supplies is set out in the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act 1960 and the Fluoridation of Water Supplies Regulations 2007 (SI 42 of 2007)

The Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act 1960 provides for the Health Service Executive to arrange for the fluoridation of public water supplied to the public by Sanitary Authorities (Uisce Éireann). These regulations set out statutory obligations on the Sanitary Authorities - Uisce Éireann, as agents of the Health Service Executive (HSE), with respect to the fluoridation of public water supplies as follows:

- (a) the provision, installation and maintenance of equipment for fluoridation,
  - (b) the making of arrangements for the addition of fluoride to the water, and
  - (c) the testing of the fluoride content of the water to which fluoride has been added,
- as agent for the health authority.

Uisce Éireann publishes details supplies and levels of parametric compliance by address on the following webpage: [Water Quality & Drinking Safety Advice in Ireland | Uisce Éireann](#) (formerly Irish Water)

Asset management with respect to water treatment plants is a matter for Uisce Éireann.

In 2023 the HSE provide €7,237,616 in funding to Uisce Éireann which included capital investment, capital maintenance and operational maintenance associated with the provision of fluoridated water.

Overall funding with respect to Uisce Éireann would be best referred to the Department of Housing and Local Government or Uisce Éireann.

The HSE monitors compliance with parametric limits in supplies which Uisce Éireann have advised are fluoridated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deirdre Lavin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Deirdre Lavin  
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