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Deputy Matthews
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 3618/24: To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the Implementation Group examining the operation of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; to provide an outline of the number of occasions it has met to date; a timeline for when it is to report to Government; if an outline of its remit can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Matthews,

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.

A National Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Service Improvement Group has been established. The purpose/function of the Group is to oversee and support the implementation of the recommendations arising from:

- a) The Review of the Safety and Management of Termination of Pregnancy Services, as provided under Section 11 of the Health Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act; and
- b) The Independent Review of the Health Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018. (All provisions)

The TOP Service Improvement Group have had two meetings to date. Ten work-streams have been identified, the objectives, actions and plan of work for each specific planned work-stream will be finalised in collaboration with the members of each work-stream. The timeline the group will be working to will be determined once the work-streams have been fully scoped. The TOP Service Improvement Group report to the office of the Chief Clinical Officer.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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