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PQ 32102/24: To ask the Minister for Health the neonatal mortality rate and number of deaths for each year 2014-2024, nationwide and for each region and each hospital, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The HSE does not collate data on neonatal death registration however, does work closely with the National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC) who have since 2008 provided an annual national assessment of perinatal mortality in Ireland, from a clinical viewpoint. Since January 2019, limited data on perinatal deaths, as defined in this audit detailed in the NPEC Perinatal Mortality Audit Reports. In the most recently published annual perinatal mortality audit report (2020) perinatal deaths (n=357) was recorded.

The National Perinatal Mortality Reports for the last 10 years are publicly available and can be accessed online at: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/npec/clinical-audits/perinatalmortalitynationalclinicalaudit/>

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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