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QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to tackle the delays in reimbursing patients that have availed of the cross border treatment directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

REPLY

The HSE is responsible for the operation of the Cross Border Directive (CBD) and the management of processing reimbursements for treatment under the Cross Border Directive (CBD) is an operational matter for the HSE. I have, therefore, asked the HSE to respond directly to the Deputy.

As the Deputy is aware, the numbers of persons availing of the Directive has been increasing steadily for a number of years with a corresponding increase in the workload for the CBD office. I am aware that the HSE is currently considering a business case, and other interim steps, to address the issues which have arisen with regard to the processing of reimbursements.