

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2021**

Question

Further to his response to Oral Question 221/2021 regarding the secret recording of Social Workers in order to provide a record of meetings, will the Minister confirm the results of his department's discussions with the Office of the Information Commissioner and whether or not members of the public may make recordings of conversations without advising those civil servants (or any other States employees) concerned that a recording is being made?

Answer

In regard to the request to confirm the results of Health and Community Services' discussions with the JOIC, this remains as per the response to the Oral Question OQ.221/2021, in which I advised that people may make recordings if they so wish, for their own purpose.

In regard to whether or not Government employees must be advised that the recording is being made, people do not have to advise the employee with whom they are interacting (although I would consider it polite to do so).