WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. LAWRENCE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2023

Question

"Will the Minister state the number of non-private outpatients waiting to have an:

- (a) MRI (Magnetic resonance imaging) scan;
- (b) Ultrasound scan; and
- (c) any other scan;

on 31st July 2021, 2022, and 2023?"

Answer

It should be noted that Radiology waiting lists were not historically managed using Trakcare and, as such, data cannot be produced in the same manner as other areas. Going forward, HCS' analytics team will work with Radiology to improve their ability to report on waiting lists.

Historical snapshot data, i.e., the number of patients waiting on a specific date in the past, is therefore not available and so we cannot provide the data for the years and dates identified.

If data on the number of appointments undertaken each year by type of scan is required, this can be provided, however, time would be needed to prepare any analysis.

As of 15 September 2023, the Radiology Department has the following number of examinations/scans waiting to be performed:

Scan	No. of examinations
	waiting
CT	638
MRI	1115
Ultrasound	2392
X-ray	1164

Please note that this data does not differentiate between first appointments, those which may have been cancelled or postponed and are waiting to be rebooked, or 6 month follow ups.