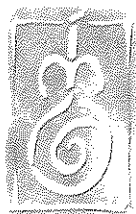


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Re: Intern Numbers

Dear Minister

As you will be aware, there is a growing concern that the number of funded Intern places for graduates this year may fall below the demand.

When the number of graduates from Irish institutions is analysed, together with the expected number of Irish and EU students studying outside Ireland and non-EU students studying in Ireland, there is a predicted shortfall of funded places available. Should this prediction prove to be accurate it will be a severe disappointment for graduates expecting to pursue a medical career.

I presume that the Department of Health has already undertaken an analysis of the above numbers against funded places available. That being the case it would be appreciated if this data could be shared with the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO). Should the analysis demonstrate a shortfall of funded places what contingency is in place to address this issue?

I look forward to receiving the above information from your Department. If any clarification is required on the information being requested please do not hesitate to ask your office to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Tweed', written over a horizontal line.

Steve Tweed
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