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Ms Nicola Radley
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Dear Nicola

Thank you for your recent letter concerning an opt-out system of consent for organ donation.

The Programme for Partnership government commits to legislating for family consent and an opt-out register for donation.

I consider this to be a priority in the year ahead and the Legislation Programme for the Spring/Summer Session 2017, which was published by the Office of the Government Chief Whip on January 17th, includes a commitment to develop the Human Tissue Bill. It is expected that this Bill will provide for an opt-out system of consent for organ donation.

Work on scoping the parameters of the Heads of the Human Tissue Bill is currently being undertaken in my Department and this work will be progressed as quickly as possible in the context of competing legislative priorities.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Simon Harris T.D.
Minister for Health

