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**RE: PQ 25360/19**

**“To ask the Minister for Health;  
The number of applications for primary medical certificates in counties Roscommon and Galway to date; the number of applications awaiting assessment in both counties to date; the waiting period in both counties for primary medical certificate applications;-  
and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

1. Total number of Primary medical certificate applications January 1st 2019 to date in Galway.....**184**
2. Total number of Primary medical certificate applications January 1st 2019 to date in Roscommon.....**77**
3. The waiting time for medical assessment in **Galway is 8 weeks**
4. The waiting time for medical assessment in **Roscommon** was 4 weeks but due to severe staffing shortages (reduction by 35%), the waiting time has increased to in excess of **12 weeks**

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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