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To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims by pharmacies in each of the years 2016 to 2018 for non-dispensing fees in cases in which the pharmacist exercised their professional judgment and did not dispense an item on a GMS prescription; the amount paid in non-dispensing fees in each of those years; and the value of the non-dispensed medicines in relation to these claims for non-dispensing in each year in tabular form - John Brassil

Dear Deputy Brassil,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 49496/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

| Year | Number of Items | Number of Prescriptions | GMS Fees |
|------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 2016 | 1,228,837 | 732,902 | €4,018,286.40 |
| 2017 | 1,492,343 | 880,265 | €4,879,951.36 |
| 2018 | 1,535,010 | 910,030 | €5,018,953.88 |

Notes: The system does not currently capture data on the value of the non-dispensed medicines. The information provided is based on claim data which has been received by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) from Community Pharmacists and includes items reimbursed by PCRS only.

Yours sincerely,

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