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PQ39320/19      *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of the cross-Border directive in each year since its inception; the cost of reimbursements for same in each year since its inception; the number of claims awaiting reimbursement as of 1 September 2019; the estimated cost in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

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PQ45644\*      *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of the cross border directive in each year since its inception; the cost of reimbursements for same in each year since its inception; and the number of claims awaiting reimbursement under the directive as of 31 October 2019 or the latest date available.”*

Dear Deputy Stephen Donnelly TD,

Thank you for your PQ’s above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

The table below outlines the available data up 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 relative to your enquiry.

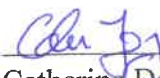
Activity Description	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Reimbursements processed	7	150	1,025	2,011	3,886	3,795*
Cost of reimbursements	€29,265	€585,863	€2,499,967	€4,433,642	€12,288,398	€9,754,462*

*\*Figures are compiled based on data available at specific point in time (01/11/2019).*

I can confirm that at present there is currently 3,750 items of post overdue for processing and we are working with approximately a 3 month back log of claims. I sincerely regret the delay in the processing of claims, but can confirm that we are working diligently to overcome same in the shortest possible timeframe available.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or via [catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie](mailto:catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely,

  
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