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Deputy Alan Kelly,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

**Ref:** PQ Ref 17570/20

*"To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants currently employed in public hospitals; the number on a public only contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Kelly

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.

**National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response**

The data below is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) which is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce. Currently there is an estimated 99% compliance rate and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites. As DIME is a live system it must be noted that there can be variances in the figures published dependent on the run date of the report as entries can be made with a retrospective date.

The number of consultants employed, regardless of tenure, as per DIME dated 01 July 2020, is 3,426.

There are currently 608 consultants employed who hold a Type A Contract. There are a further 155 consultants who have temporarily switched to a Type A contract due to COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

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