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**PQ 13191/20** To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the Minister for Education and Skills and work with third-level universities to expand the number of medical training places for students applying through the Central Applications Office system to help increase the number of doctors nationally - Louise O'Reilly.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

There are currently approximately 680 places available for Central Applications Office (CAO) applicants in Irish medical schools. The number of CAO applicants commencing internship over the last five years are set out below:-

Year	Number of CAO applicants who accepted posts
2016	678
2017	655
2018	653
2019	608 (This was due to reduced intake of students in 2014)
2020	662

There are 734 intern posts available nationally. The current number of intern posts in Ireland sufficiently caters for CAO applicants.

Yours sincerely

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