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Re: **PQ Number:** 8169/20

Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the health workers that have contracted Covid-19 including those that have died by grade and location, that is, acute, community and so on, age range and whether they are directly employed or employed by a contractor or agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly

As of midnight 23rd May, 7,888 healthcare worker (HCW) cases of COVID-19 have been reported to HPSC. This accounts for 31.6% of total cases of COVID-19. Table 1 outlines cases in healthcare worker by role/profession. The mean age of HCW cases was 41 years (range 17-78). To date, there are seven COVID-19 related deaths in HCWs. The mean age of those who died is 53 years (range 30-68).

Table 2 provides information on outbreak-related HCW cases and the location of the outbreak.

Data on whether or not HCWs were employed by HSE or agency are not available at HPSC and may need to be sought from HSE human resources section

Table 1. Number and proportion of HCW COVID-19 cases by role

HCW Role	Number of HCWs cases	Proportion of all HCW cases
Nurse	2538	32.1%
Healthcare assistant	2021	25.7%
Other allied HCW	1840	23.3%
Doctor	479	6.0%
Porter	83	1.0%
Unknown	927	11.8%
Total	7888	100.0%



Table 2. Number and proportion of HCW COVID-19 cases linked to an outbreak by outbreak location

Outbreak location	Number of HCW cases	Percentage
Nursing home	1517	19.3%
Hospital	671	8.5%
Residential institution	275	3.5%
Comm. Hosp/Long-stay unit	192	2.4%
Private house	51	0.6%
Community outbreak	14	0.2%
Extended family	19	0.2%
Other	19	0.2%
Workplace	30	0.4%
Travel related	20	0.2%
Public house	1	0.0%
Not linked to an outbreak	5079	64.4%
Total	7888	100.0%

Yours sincerely,

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