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PQ18711/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited to take part in BreastCheck in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of persons screened through BreastCheck in each of the same years in tabular form.

PQ18666/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited to take part in CervicalCheck in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of persons screened through CervicalCheck in each of the same years in tabular form.

PQ18668/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited to take part in BowelScreen in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of persons screened through BowelScreen in each of the same years in tabular form.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above three Parliamentary Questions which I propose answering in one combined reply. I trust you are supportive of this approach.

BreastCheck:

Figures are compiled quarterly and in arrears. Therefore 2021 data is provisional, as follows:

	2019	2020	*2021 provisional
	Total	Total	Q1
Total invited	232,503	73,357	13,216
Total screened	170,957	56,270	8,979

CervicalCheck:

We do not have information on cervical invitations but have provided 5-year coverage for the periods in question, and the number screened, as follows:

	2019	2020	*2021 provisional
	Total	Total	Q1
Percentage of women with at least one satisfactory CervicalCheck screening in a 5 year period	79.1	77.1	n/a
Number of women who had a cervical smear within the reporting period	206,315	143,334	86,011

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BowelScreen:

Figures are compiled quarterly and in arrears. Therefore 2021 data is provisional, as follows:

	2019	2020	*2021 provisional
	Total	Total	Q1
Total invited	285,193	132,528	20,151
Total screened	122,724	49,889	19,550

Please note that 2021 figures are provisional and are subject to change as people respond to reminders or act on invitations at a later date.

Screening is for well people who do not have symptoms. Anyone who is worried about symptoms at any time is advised not to wait for screening but to contact their GP immediately, for appropriate follow-up care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

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