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PQ59682/21* "To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a HSE travel abroad scheme travel claim to be processed"

PQ59683/21* "To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications submitted for travel reimbursement under the HSE's travel abroad scheme; the number approved; the total amount paid yearly for approved travel claims from the travel abroad scheme for the past seven years in tabular form."

PQ59684/21* "To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved travel claims paid under the HSE travel abroad scheme that included reimbursement for a travelling companion for the past five years."

Dear Deputy Gannon,

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

The tables below provide the information you have requested:

Year	No. of Travel Claims (Received & Approved)*	Total Number of claims processed which incl. companion	Amount Reimbursed
Jan to Nov 2021	281	181	€116,635.01
2020	324	234	€112,341.21
2019	515	375	€173,521.68
2018	679	548	€211,247.43
2017	377	310	€140,595.57
2016	271	181	€78,720.33
2015	163	234	€55,888.95

^{*}No applications for reimbursement have been declined

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.

Yours sincerely,

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