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PQ ref 5148/21 (132) To ask the Minister for Health the reason dentists have been excluded from the vaccination roll-out programme given the average dentist administers far more vaccines on a daily basis than a general practitioner.

Dear Deputy Lahart,

Thank you for your representation. The HSE plans to maximise all available resources as part of the rollout of the vaccine programme. The HSE aim is to include dentists in the rollout of the vaccination programme and have asked that they are added to the Statutory Instrument (SI) for the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations (S.I. No. 698 of 2020).

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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