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- PQ16604/21* "To ask the Minister for Health the number of Irish citizens that availed of the EU Cross-Border Directive in the past four years; and the breakdown by year of the number of Irish patients that availed of the Directive in all EU jurisdictions combined.
- PQ16605/21* To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that availed of medical treatment in the EU who were refused a refund under the Cross-Border Directive with the HSE; and the breakdown by year for the past four years.
- PQ16606/21* To ask the Minister for Health the number of EU Cross-Border Directive applications that have never been finalised or completed; and the breakdown by year for the past four years."

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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

I have provided the requested data in table format below. I wish to clarify, that the figures are as at 31st December of the particular year and those outstanding at year end are finalised in the coming year. Also, please note all applications are processed and a decision issued and completed to the capacity within which same can be. We will have applications where omitted supporting documentation is requested to allow the application to progress and in the instance that same is not submitted the application cannot progressed further.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
No. of reimbursements	2011	3886	4961	4707
No. of applications for Prior authorisation processed	1219	1493	1629	946
Cost of reimbursement	€4,433,642	€12,288,398	€13,121,258.72	€15,376,336.26

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total no of claims received	4266	11884	9913	6195
Declined .	39	73	140	355
Decision Pending*	243	918	1865	332

^{*}As at 31st December of that year.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or via <u>catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie.</u>

Yours sincerely,

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