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Deputy Martin Browne Dail Eireann Leinster House Kildare St., Dublin 2.

Re:. PQ 55030/21 "To ask the Minister for Health the number of General Practitioners registered as operating in the CHO3 area in each of the past five years."

Dear Deputy Browne,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question regarding the above and my initial response of 24th November, 2021.

Please see below table confirming the number of General Practitioners registered as operating in the CHO3 area who provide GP services to GMS (medical card) patients 2016 – 2020 incl.:

Year	No. of GPs contracted to provide GP services to GMS patients in CHO3
2020	253*
2019	250*
2018	246*
2017	251*
2016	246*

Source - Primary Care Reimbursement Services (PCRS) Annual Reports 2016-2020 incl.

*Please note that approx. 30 of the GPs included in each of the years above have what are known as 'subsidiary contracts' i.e. these GPs hold GMS contracts in other CHO areas but they also provide GP services to GMS patients who live in the CHO3 area.

I trust the above addresses the issues raised in your representation, but if I can be of any further assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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