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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne
Leinster House
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Re.: PQ 47704/21 Number of children on waiting list for dental examination and check-ups in Co. Clare.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above: *"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for dental examinations and check-ups in Co. Clare"*.

I can advise that the HSE Dental Service forward consent forms to the Primary Schools for circulation to the parents/guardians of the children in the 'target classes'. In Co. Clare, the 'target classes' are those children in 2nd and 6th classes. When the signed consent forms are returned to the Dental Services, the children are placed on the waiting list.

The Principal Dental Surgeon has advised that currently the number of children on the waiting list to be seen by the HSE Dental Services is as follows:

School Year	
2019/2020	80
2020/2021	3148
Total	3228

The Principal Dental Surgeon has also advised that consent forms have not yet issued to the 'target classes' in the current school year (2021/2022). Therefore, it would be estimated that once the process is complete in respect of those classes that an additional 3,200 children (approx.) would be added to the waiting list for HSE Dental Services in Co. Clare.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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