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**Deputy Catherine Murphy,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

**PQ 44298/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary medical certificates that have been applied for in 2020 and 2021; the number that were refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Catherine Murphy**

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Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 44298/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In the full year 2020, a total of 2,803 applications for a primary medical certificate were received, of which 438 were not successful.

The latest available data in 2021 is at June. In the period from January to June 2021 a total of 1,485 applications for a primary medical certificate were received, of which 492 were not successful.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seán McArt'.

**Seán McArt**  
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