



5th October 2021

Deputy Mairéad Farrell,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 44837/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if there is a projected timeframe in which the backlog of primary medical certificates will be cleared and applications from 2021 will start to be assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Mairéad Farrell

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 44837/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

There has been significant progress in addressing the backlog for assessments for primary medical certificates. The latest available data is at June 2021 and in the period from January to June 2021 there were 1,272 assessments carried out. At the end of June 2021 there were 835 people waiting to be assessment for a primary medical certificate.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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