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**Deputy Réada Cronin
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 19096/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental procedures and checks, respectively that were carried out on residents of State-run nursing homes in each of the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cronin,

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

I wish to advise the Deputy that the information is not available as requested. Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE.

Data on number of nursing home residents that have been assessed and/or treated by DTSS contract holders is not held by the HSE. Data is held on the proportion of DTSS contractors making a claim and the treatment items being claimed for.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Green', positioned above a horizontal line.

**Joseph Green
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**