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Deputy Duncan Smith

Dail Eireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 19363/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of home births that took place in each of the years 2018 to 2021. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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

Response:

The Planned Home Births in Ireland Triennial Report 2018-2020 will be published in the coming weeks and the 2021 annual report will be published later this year. The table below outlines the number of homebirths that took place over the period of 2018 to 2020. The 2021 homebirth data is currently being collated.

Years	Total number of women registered for a Homebirth	Total number of women who registered for a homebirth and had a hospital birth	Total number of women who registered for a homebirth and had a homebirth	Other*
2018- 2020	848	356	489	<5

*Births that did not take place as planned

I trust that this is of assistance,

Yours Sincerely,

Eileen Ruddin

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