



Niamh Smyth, T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ: 20092/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that signed up nationwide to accept medical cards patients in each of the years 2010 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the number that have left the scheme; the number that have joined the scheme over the same period of time in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Niamh Smyth

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 20092/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see below data regarding dentists signed up to accept medical cards as requested.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service

Year	No. of Private Dentists	No. of Private Dentists New Entry	No. of Private Dentists Exit
2010	1,392	152	118
2011	1,448	159	132
2012	1,541	163	72
2013	1,607	149	94
2014	1,643	148	105
2015	1,663	126	125
2016	1,664	164	144
2017	1,445	170	371
2018	1,486	169	159
2019	1,496	149	142
2020	1,321	82	271
2021	1,137	91	200
Mar-22	1,091	10	39