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**Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 9900/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists with dental treatment services scheme contracts at the end of each quarter of 2019, 2020, 2021 and for the first of each month to date in 2022, by CHO in tabular form; and the number of dentists with active contracts, that is, the number of dentists who submitted claims for each of these months.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

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.

The data requested is detailed in the attached Excel Sheet by LHO for each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022. The difference in the number of contractors between each year include resignations/retirements and new entrants to the scheme. Data on the number of private contractors who submitted claims is available from October 2020, and is also detailed in the attached Sheet. In the year 2021, 971 contractors received a payment from the DTSS.

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', written over a horizontal line.

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