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Leinster House,
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PQ: 30613 /22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards that the HSE has granted in cases where the applicant exceeds the income guidelines in each of the years 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form.-Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 30613/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see below figures regarding the number of medical cards that the HSE has granted in cases where the applicant exceeds the income guidelines.

Year	Year	Number of Discretionary Medical Cards
2017	as @ 31st December 2017	131,160
2018	as @ 31st December 2018	148,396
2019	as @ 31st December 2019	162,888
2020	as @ 31st December 2020	169,458
2021	as @ 31st December 2021	176,136
2022	as @ 31st May 2022	178,831

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service