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PQ14042/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of times in each of the past ten years in which a surgery has resulted in the removal of a limb or organ which was not intended for amputation or removal by surgery type in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The information requested is not available in the format in which it is requested, however please see table **below/attached** with the reported incidents on National Incident Management System (NIMS). Incidents like these are extremely rare events.

To support safe practice and the development of systems and processes to prevent adverse events has implemented the HSE National Policy and Procedure for Safe Surgery. The HSE National Policy and Procedure for Safe Surgery is designed to bring together best practice safety checks within the theatre environment, and includes the World Health Organisation (WHO) Surgical Safety Check list, which is carried out prior to any procedure carried out in acute settings. The HSE Safe Site Surgery Policy is currently under review, below is a link to the current Policy.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/qid/resourcespublications/safesurg14june.pdf>

Year	Count
2012	
2013	

2014	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	
2019	~ *
2020	
2021	
2022 (Year to date)	

*All cells with number of cases between 1 and 5 are suppressed with ~ to protect the identity of the patient(s).

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction

Yours sincerely,



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