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Deputy Jim O'Callaghan  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Ref:** PQ 16398/22

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of sleep medicine consultants who are currently employed by the HSE.**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 22 March 2022. DIME is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites. As DIME is a live system it must be noted that there can be variances in the figures published dependent on the run date of the report as entries can be made with a retrospective date.

The qualifications specified by the HSE require that consultants be registered as Specialist on the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the relevant speciality. At present there is no title of Consultant in sleep medicine.

We have therefore provided you with the number of Anaesthesiology, Intensive Care Medicine and Respiratory Consultants working in the public health services in the tables below:

<b>Table 1: Total number of Consultants working in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine as at 22 March 2022</b>	
<b>Anaesthesiology</b>	426
<b>Intensive Care Medicine</b>	36
<b>Total number</b>	<b>462</b>

<b>Table 2: Total number of Consultants working in Respiratory Medicine as at 22 March 2022</b>	
Respiratory Medicine	92

Yours sincerely,

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