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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd,  
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Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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**PQ 21789/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the total number of primary medical certificate applications that are currently submitted awaiting assessment; the expected length of time to clear the backlog; the length of time applicants can expect to wait for a decision on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Fergus O'Dowd**

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Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 21789/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

At the end of April 2022, there are a total of 503 individuals waiting to be assessed for a primary medical certificate. Please note that in the period from January to April 2022, a total of 816 assessments for a primary medical certificate were completed.

Every option is being considered to address waiting lists including that of primary medical certificates.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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