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Our Ref: HM/Communications

PQ23296/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of women screened by BreastCheck in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Questions.

BreastCheck: persons screened

The total number of persons screened by BreastCheck in each of the past ten years is shown in the table below.

| BreastCheck | Number of women screened |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 2011 | 127,703 |
| 2012 | 128,852 |
| 2013 | 144,477 |
| 2014 | 138,762 |
| 2015 | 144,682 |
| 2016 | 141,878 |
| 2017 | 164,187 |
| 2018 | 170,583 |
| 2019 | 170,957 |
| 2020 | 56,270 |
| 2021 | 127,288 |
| 2022* | 23,447 |

*Verified data for January and February 2022

Regrettably, BreastCheck, along with many public services, has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic over the last two years. The programme was paused for several months in 2020 and 2021, but we have restarted women on their screening journeys since screening recommenced in October 2020.

For other queries, programme participants can call the Freephone information line on 1800 45 45 55; email: info@screeningservice.ie; or contact their clinic directly.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.



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