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Deputy Toibin
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Dear Deputy Toibin

RE: PQ51706/22 To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nurses who have retired before reaching retirement age in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. -Peadar Tóibín

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, submitted by you to the Minister for Health. This matter has been referred to me for response on behalf of the HSE.

As the HSE processes the pension benefits for Nurses retiring from both the HSE and Tusla, an overall figure from both organisations has been provided for each year. Overall in the period from 01/01/2013 – 30/09/2022 this equates to a total of 5,987 retired nurses, broken down as follows:

HSE & Tusla Nurse retirements by year:									
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	To Sept '22
446	601	675	671	713	638	569	548	621	505

It is important to note that Nurses may retire on reaching the age of 55 if the terms of Section 65 of the 1945 Mental Treatment Act are applicable to them. Additionally, Nurses may also retire on cost neutral grounds, 10 years before their normal retirement age. The figures provided include all Nursing staff with retirement date which was before their 65th birthday, including those retiring on the grounds of permanent infirmity.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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