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PQ 53297/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of diagnoses of melanoma that were made through the HSE in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The National Cancer Control Programme collects limited summary data which is mostly associated with the rapid access cancer assessment services for symptomatic breast, prostate and lung cancer.

However, the National Cancer Registry of Ireland (NCRI) has a statutory obligation to collate information in relation to cancer incidence, prevalence, and stage at diagnosis, treatment, survival and mortality. This type of information will normally only be finalised and made available 2 to 3 years after the year of incidence, in keeping with international standards. The NCRI report for 2021 has incidence data for 1994-2019 and estimates for 2020 and can be downloaded from the NCRI website at:

<https://www.ncri.ie/publications/statistical-reports/cancer-ireland-1994-2019-annual-reportnational-cancer-registry>

Please note that the NCRI data will also include those diagnosed in the private setting and not just those detected through the public services of the HSE.

Yours sincerely



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