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Our Ref: GM/Communications

**PQ4891.22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people screened by BreastCheck in each of the past ten years.**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

**BreastCheck: persons screened**

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

BreastCheck	Number of women screened
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
Oct 2022**	132,443

\* BreastCheck paused for several months due to COVID-19 during this period

\*\* Provisional data from the beginning of January to the end of October 2022, and subject to change

Despite the ongoing challenges in recruitment/retention of staff and COVID-19 related absences, we are back to nearly normal numbers attending for screening daily. We aim to be back to two-yearly screens by autumn 2023. This is dependent on meeting the challenge of staff recruitment and retention.

We provide updates on breast screening on [www.breastcheck.ie](http://www.breastcheck.ie). Women can also contact us on [info@breastcheck.ie](mailto:info@breastcheck.ie) or Freephone 1800 45 45 55. I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Murphy  
Chief Executive

