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Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ: 7968/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of applicants for medical cards granted in the past twelve months to date; the number refused or under investigation in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Bernard J. Durkan

Dear Deputy Durkan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 7968/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see attached spreadsheet with the figures as requested above. Please note that Medical Card applications that are fully completed to a degree that enables a comprehensive assessment of eligibility are processed within 15 days. In instances where information or documentation is outstanding a letter is sent to the applicant and they have 21 days to respond. If no response is received after 21 days, the application is closed. As such, we do not collate data regarding applications that are 'under investigation'.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Doyle".

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service