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Deputy Dessie Ellis
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Re: PQ number 3466/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who died from Covid and the flu, respectively in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ellis,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) undertakes the surveillance of all notifiable infectious diseases in Ireland as outlined in the list of notifiable infectious diseases on the HPSC website at www.hpsc.ie. COVID-19 and influenza are both notifiable infectious diseases in Ireland.

Under the 1981, infectious diseases regulations and subsequent amendments, it is mandatory for clinicians and clinical laboratories to notify any cases of COVID-19 and Influenza to the Area Director of Public Health and then onwards to the HPSC for the collation of surveillance and epidemiological data. Subsequently, outcomes for these COVID-19 and influenza cases (including deaths) are also reported to HPSC by coroners, the General Register Office (GRO) and clinicians in healthcare settings. The COVID-19 and influenza deaths reported to HPSC include information from all of these sources and are reflected in the death totals.

As of 23rd January 2023, the total number of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 deaths from all causes notified to HPSC on the computerised infectious diseases reporting system (CIDR) from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 is 1,953.

As of 23rd January 2023, the total number of laboratory confirmed influenza deaths from all causes notified to HPSC on CIDR from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 is 69.

Table 1 provides the number of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 deaths and laboratory confirmed influenza deaths notified to HPSC between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022.

Table 1: Number of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 deaths and influenza deaths notified to the HPSC from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022. *Source: HPSC: Computerised infectious Disease Reporting System.*

| Disease | Number of Deaths |
|-----------|------------------|
| COVID-19 | 1,953 |
| Influenza | 69 |



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Yours sincerely,

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