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**Deputy Maurice Quinlivan,  
Dáil Eireann,  
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Dublin 2.**

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**PQ 4657/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of suppliers of the contraceptive pill that have not yet signed up for the HSE's contraceptive reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Maurice Quinlivan**

Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

I refer to the above PQ received in our office for response.

The Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly launched the free contraception scheme for women aged 17–25 who reside in Ireland on the 14th of September 2022. On the 1st of January 2023 the Scheme was extended to include 26 year olds.

As at the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2023 there are 2,529 GPs who currently hold a GMS Contract and since the Scheme was launched 78% (1,977) have signed up to provide contraceptive services. Some 552 GPs have not yet signed up to provide contraceptive services. As at the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2023 there are 1,915 Pharmacists who hold a contract with the HSE. Since the Scheme has launched 98% (1,874) of Pharmacists have submitted claims through the contraceptive reimbursement scheme. Some 41 Pharmacists which accounts for 2% have not yet submitted claims for providing contractive services.

I trust this is of assistance.

**Yours sincerely,**

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