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**Deputy David Cullinane  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
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Dublin 2**

**PQ 35089/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists on the dental treatment services scheme at the end of May and June for each year 2019 to 2023, by LHO, in tabular form; the number of dentists who submitted claims and the total number of claims in quarter 1 of each year and each full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

Dental Treatment is made available to medical card holders over the age of 16 through the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS). Dentists who hold a contract with the Scheme provide a range of treatments which are funded by the HSE. Patients may attend any of the contracted dentists – the list is available at local HSE Dental clinics and online at HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) Online Services..

The number of dentists participating in the DTSS at the end of May and June for each year 2019 to 2023, by LHO is detailed in the attached Excel Sheet. The difference in the number of contractors between each year include resignations/retirements and new entrants to the scheme. (Note: contractors who have resigned but are still serving their 3 months notice period are included in the list as they are required to participate in the scheme for this period)

The number of dentists who submitted claims under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme and the number of treatment claims that were made in each of the years 2019 to 2023, Quarter 1 and Year End, is detailed in the table below. Data on the number of private contractors who submitted claims is only available from October 2020.

Year	Number of Private Dentists who submitted claims Q1	Number of Private Dentists who submitted claims Year End	Total No. of treatments Q1	Total No. of treatments Year End
2019	n/a		283,698	1,049,293
2020	n/a	815 (December 2020)	266,987	790,727
2021	766 (March 2021)	689 (December 2021)	205,802	760,047
2022	675 (March 2022)	634 (December 2022)	180,839	815,346
2023	628 (March 2023)	n/a	241,992	n/a

**Table 1: DTSS Data 2019 – 2023**

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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