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Deputy Tully,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 20756/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who applied for, but were not granted, a primary medical certificate in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 20756/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Data in respect of Primary Medical Certificates is not routinely reported by the HSE. However, in response to queries in respect of Primary Medical Certificates in 2020, the data was collated from CHO areas in 2020 and subsequent years.

Table 1. Number of assessments completed for applications for primary medical certificates*

Year	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate which were not approved (application not successful)	Total number of assessments completed of applications for primary medical certificates
2020	835	438	1,273
2021	1,943	1,242	3,185
2022	2,014	1,181	3,195

*Data is not available for 2018. No data was collected for medical certs not approved in 2019.

I trust this is of assistance.

Seán McArt

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