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Deputy Sean Canney
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PQ 21599/23: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown by county of the number of first appointments made for an abortion in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 21600/23: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown by county of the number of first appointments made for an abortion in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 21601/23: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown by county of the number of first appointments made for an abortion in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The below table shows the breakdown of the number of first appointments made for an abortion in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Please be aware that this data is captured at National Level and not available by County as requested.

Year	TOP Description	National Data
2019	TOP Patients first consultation	7,538
2020	TOP Patients first consultation	8,142
2021	TOP Patients first consultation	8,284

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Davinia O'Donnell, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme

