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Deputy Sorca Clarke
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 13672/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts, per CDNT, per post, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

There is no accepted definition of what a vacancy actually is. Data in relation to vacancies that are approved for replacement include New Development posts, retirements and resignations. However there can be other reasons posts are not filled (for example where there is long term sick leave, maternity leave, blocks of parental leave etc.), which may not be possible to gain budgetary approval to replace, although there may be a person assigned to such 'vacancies'/posts that are crucial to service delivery. However they are not an approved vacancy.

Specifically in relation to CDNT's, a staff census is currently in process the outcome of which is expected in April/May 2024.

All our employment data is available on the HSE Personnel Census, [here](#).

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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