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Our Ref: HM/Communications

PQ13791/24: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons screened by CervicalCheck at either primary care or colposcopy in each of the past ten years, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

We regularly publish CervicalCheck Statistical Reports, and we recently published our [CervicalCheck Programme Report 2020-2022](#) which shows the positive impact of the change to primary HPV cervical screening in 2020.

CervicalCheck Programme Reports do not report by calendar year. However, links to this published data relevant to 2014 to 2022 have also been included below. Please note that data in the CervicalCheck Programme Report 2020-2022 is for the two-year period to 31 March 2022.

The total number of persons screened by CervicalCheck - at either primary care or colposcopy - in each of the past ten years is shown in the table below.

Year	Number of people screened	Published data relevant to the period
2014	289,170	Programme Report 2013 - 2014
2015	272,471	Programme Report 2014 - 2015
2016	276,450	Programme Report 2015 - 2016
2017	279,893	Programme Report 2016 - 2017
2018*	355,745	Programme Report September 2017- March 2020
2019	229,176	Programme Report September 2017- March 2020
2020**	168,792	CervicalCheck Programme Report 2020-2022
2021	333,437	CervicalCheck Programme Report 2020-2022
2022	266,641	CervicalCheck Programme Report 2020-2022
2023***	256,681	Not yet published

* Year women availed of the offer of a free out-of-schedule screening test

** The CervicalCheck programme was paused during April, May and June 2020 on public health advice at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic

*** Preliminary data subject to verification and change

Please note that the move to HPV cervical screening in 2020 involved changes to the [screening intervals](#). These changes affect how many women we are inviting for screening each year. We expect that fluctuations will continue for a few more years as HPV testing settles into a normal routine.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please

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