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Our Ref: HM/Communications

PQ27313/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons screened by CervicalCheck in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, 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 our published data from the years 2014 to 2022 have also been included below.

The total number of persons –who have had a CervicalCheck screening test 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***	234,046	Not yet published
2024****	59,457	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

**** Includes 01 January – 31 March 2024 only

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 in numbers of people invited for screening 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 contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

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