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To ask the Minister for Health the number of Fair Deal applications applied for in each of the past five years to date; the numbers granted, refused or pending; the number appealed and overturned on appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Durkan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

Appendix 1 provides details of the number of Nursing Homes Support Scheme applications received by the HSE in each of the past five years to date, as well as the number of applications refused, not deemed to require long term residential care services under the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009. The number of applications pending as at 31st December each year is also provided.

Nursing Homes Support Scheme appeals are dealt with by the National Appeals Service, who provided details for this response. The numbers approved and declined on appeal are detailed in **Appendix 2**, below.

It should be noted that an appeal may not progress to an approval or a declined decision for a number of reasons, which are also detailed in the table (is not classified as an NHSS appeal; is received outside the 40 days allowed for in the NHSS Act 2009; is withdrawn by the appellant; the client is now deceased).

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Service – Nursing Homes Support Scheme

Appendix 1

NHSS Data	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
NHSS Applications received	10,177	8,975	9,243	10,206	10,487
No. of Applications refused not deemed to require long term residential care services	102	82	69	35	42
No. of Applications pending as of 31st December	1,528	1,269	1,517	1,733	1,494

Appendix 2

Appeals Data	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Received	493	468	384	452	522
Declined	187	202	130	141	154
Approved	55	41	27	43	56
Approved (Part)	60	106	61	81	88
Reactivated					8
Client Deceased		2	9	6	6
Not an appeal	205	106	110	124	134
Outside 40 days		23	20	23	27
Withdrawn		15	10	16	9
Total Processed	507	495	367	434	482