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Mr Alan Kelly TD
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Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Minister has referred PQ ref 6282/25 to the Health Service Executive for a direct reply.
Please see response to your PQ below.

Question:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of test purchase inspections on the sale of tobacco and vaping products carried out, in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.

Response:

The HSE National Environmental Health Service (NEHS) is responsible for enforcing Section 28 of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Act 2023, which prohibits the sale of tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products to children. The NEHS monitors the compliance of retailers with this legislation through the implementation of an annual test purchase inspection programme.

The table below details the number of test purchase inspections conducted by the NEHS nationally in 2024 and 2025 to date.

Year	Number of test purchase inspections conducted
2024	394
2025 to date	22

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Maurice Mulcahy
Regional Chief Environmental Health Officer