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Deputy Erin McGreehan,  
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**PQ 7000/25**

Dear Deputy McGreehan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The below data outlines the number of patients who were offered an appointment within 10 days of referral to the rapid access prostate clinic at University Hospital Limerick for the years requested:

Rapid Access Prostate Clinic 2016-2024									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Q 1</b>	6/74	5/68	5/68	97/109	24/81	71/126	128/147	135/174	134/180
<b>Q 2</b>	8/70	9/63	9/85	64/110	5/43	88/129	129/154	130/165	131/165
<b>Q 3</b>	10/77	6/76	17/101	86/121	16/87	89/111	128/152	115/156	114/140
<b>Q 4</b>	9/69	8/73	89/128	56/70	89/127	121/150	147/184	117/143	167/190

The introduction of a rapid access navigator and an additional clinical nurse specialist in prostate cancer attributed to improvements in the number of patients offered an appointment within 10 days from 2021 onwards.

A second consultant urologist took up post in November 2024 and it is envisaged that this will result in further improvements in the number of patients offered an appointment within 10 days of referral going forward.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind Regards,

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