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Our Ref: HM/Communications

**PQ38210/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of women in the eligible population who have had a complete mammogram at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form.**

**PQ38211/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of women offered hospital admission for treatment in BreastCheck host hospital within three weeks of diagnosis of breast cancer at the end of June 2023-2025, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

### About BreastCheck

BreastCheck is Ireland's free breast screening programme. We screen women who have no symptoms of breast cancer so that we can find and treat breast cancer at the earliest possible stage. We provide access to appropriate care for those who need further tests and treatment. We work to make BreastCheck services accessible to all; for example, providing longer or group appointments, and information in braille and additional languages.

We have four BreastCheck static screening units and 24 mobile clinics across the country. We update our breast screening locations regularly on our [website](#). Mobile clinics enable us to provide breast screening for more women across the country.

### BreastCheck data

In the response below, we have included links to the reports that show the activity and performance data for Q1 2025, Q1 – Q4 2024 and 2023 whole year figures. This is preliminary data and is subject to verification and change.

Activity and performance data - BreastCheck	
2025 Q1	<a href="#">Data report</a>
2024 Q4	<a href="#">Data report</a>
2024 Q3	<a href="#">Data report</a>
2024 Q1 and Q2	<a href="#">Data report</a>
2023	167,312

In our published [BreastCheck Statistical Report 2022](#), almost 70 per cent of women with a cancer diagnosis were offered hospital admission within three weeks of diagnosis. While this is below the standard (90%), the performance reflects the high number of women diagnosed with breast cancer through our breast screening programme during the period. Access to hospital beds and theatre was challenging in 2022 due to the increased case load and additional post-COVID-19 constraints on beds and theatre within our host hospitals.

Hospital admission data for 2023 – 2025 is not yet available. During this period we have switched our reporting systems to our new patient database system [AIRE \(Assessment, Information, Record & Evaluation\)](#). This new system aims to simplify and streamline workflows,

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allowing our BreastCheck team to focus more on direct patient care. Due to the challenges of implementing a large-scale IT switch-over while continuing to offer women continuity of care, we are working to extract data for our published reports on a staged basis. We expect our hospital admission data for the period requested to be available for sharing later in 2025 / early 2026.

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

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Murphy,  
Chief Executive.

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