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**Re.**

**PQ 41101/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer surgeries carried out in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2025.**

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The number of tumour-directed surgeries for all invasive cancers excluding non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC) is given as follows:

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 Incomplete
11,131	11,522	11,944	12,424	9,742	11,209	12,430	13,359	13,277	4,920

The data was obtained from HIPE for episodes having a primary cancer diagnosis of C00-C43 + C45-C96 coded alongside a tumour-directed surgical procedure.

Activity associated with diagnostics, staging, in-situ and benign cancer is not included.

Surgeries for non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC) are excluded from this count as they represent a high volume of lower complexity procedures that are not usually performed in major surgical theatres.

Surgical activity that was outsourced to private facilities under the safety net agreement during the COVID-19 pandemic is not included in the above data.

Yours sincerely,

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