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**Deputy Barry Heneghan,  
Leinster House,  
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**Re: Response to PQ Ref 26293/25  
Public Health (Sunbeds) Act 2014.**

Dear Deputy Heneghan,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question below:

**Question;**

*'To ask the Minister for Health the number of inspections and enforcement actions undertaken under the annual sunbed inspection programme in each of the past five years; how the effectiveness of these measures is being evaluated in preventing breaches of the Public Health (Sunbeds) Act 2014, particularly with respect to underage access, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter'.*

**Response;**

**Number of Inspections and Enforcement Actions 2020 - 2024**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Inspections</b>	<b>Fixed Payment Notices</b>	<b>Prosecutions taken</b>
<b>2024</b>	492	10	4
<b>2023</b>	425	17	4
<b>2022</b>	447	14	1
<b>2021</b>	341	5	0
<b>2020</b>	923 *	3	0

\*673 of these were desk based Social media inspections due to COVID 19 pandemic

In accordance with the Public Health (Sunbeds) Act 2014, the HSE National Environmental Health Service carries out a regular programme of inspections of premises that operate sunbeds. This programme includes mystery shopper inspections along with a rolling programme of test purchasing to ensure those under the age of eighteen are prohibited from using a sunbed.

The effectiveness of these measures is evaluated through monitoring of compliance trends and analysis of enforcement outcomes.

Where non-compliances are identified, Environmental Health Officers take measures to build compliance in the business, up to and including taking enforcement action such as prosecution or the serving of Fixed Payment Notices.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

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