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PQ 3721/21 To ask the Minister for Health the overall number of persons who applied for Be On Call for Ireland in 2020; the number employed or hired since; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

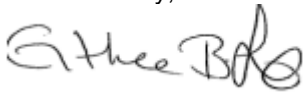
Many thanks for your query in relation to the 'Be on Call for Ireland' recruitment initiative.

The majority of COVID-19 related recruited is undertaken by the HSE National Recruitment Service-HBS Recruit and local recruitment offices in Acute and Community Services. To date approximately 8,756 additional staff have recruited through HBS Recruit in response to COVID-19 management and the provision of continuing health and social care services to the population of Ireland. 'Be on Call for Ireland' was a further recruitment stream to provide an additional pool of 'job ready' healthcare staff to the front line health service need as required.

On 31st December 73,300 of persons applied to the 'Be on Call for Ireland' initiative and to date 321 candidates have been assigned from same. A further 680 'job ready' candidates have been processed through recruitment clearances i.e. Garda Vetting, Occupational Health and references checks and ready to take up employment as and when required.

I hope this has provided you with the information you have requested and should you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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