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Dear Deputy Burke,

The Minister has referred PQ ref 9092/24 to the Health Service Executive for a direct reply. Please see response to your PQ below.

## Question:

To ask the Minister for Health to provide data regarding the number of retail outlets registered to sell tobacco on the National Register of Tobacco retailers in 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

## Response:

Retailers who carry on in whole or in part the business of selling tobacco products by retail are required under Section 37 of the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2002 as amended, to register with the Health Service Executive (HSE). The Public Health (Tobacco) (Registration) Regulation 2009 allows the HSE National Tobacco Control Office to collect the information necessary for the establishment and maintenance of the Register, known as the National Register of Tobacco Retailers (NRTR). The National Environmental Health Service (NEHS) enforces this legislation to ensure that retailers of tobacco products are notified to the HSE.

At the end of 2023, 12,556 retailers selling tobacco products were registered with the HSE. On 1 March 2024, 12,555 retailers were listed on the National Register of Tobacco Retailers.

I trust the information provided answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr Maurice Mulcahy

Regional Chief Environmental Health Officer