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Dear Huw,

Thank you for your recent Written Assembly Question asking for an estimate of the number of people currently awaiting a routine invitation for a) bowel screening, b) breast screening, and c) cervical screening in Wales. The Welsh Government does not hold this information.

Public Health Wales, which is responsible for the delivery of the national screening programmes, is working hard to recover the programmes after a temporary pause to screening at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic and has prepared and implemented recovery plans for each programme.

There is no delay for new participants entering the bowel screening programme with a delay of 11 weeks for those being recalled. Due to Covid-safe processes, the breast screening programme is currently able to screen fewer women a month, compared to usual numbers pre-Covid. There is currently a three-month delay for routine cervical screening invitations with no delay for women on early repeat or reminders.

Yours sincerely

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