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**Deputy Mary Butler, TD**  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Dear Deputy Butler,**

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ 15949/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each local health area at the end of March 2019; and the number of hours being directly provided by the HSE and by contracted private health care companies respectively.**

The 2019 National Service Plan 2019 provides for the following;

- 17.9m home support hours to be delivered to 53,000 people inclusive of 410,000 hours/550 home support packages funded under the Winter Initiative 2018/2019
- Intensive Home Care Packages delivered to approximately 235 people with approximately 360,000 hours delivered in the full year

Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to the end of February 2019. As of this date, 2,744,476 home support hours were delivered nationally, and of this, 1,299,260 hours were directly provided by the HSE and 1,445,216 hours were provided by voluntary and private providers.

The Department is currently engaged in a detailed process to determine what type of home care scheme is best for Ireland. This process will consider the future design of both the funding and regulation systems for these crucial services.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Tuohy', written over a horizontal line.

**Sandra Tuohy**  
**Assistant National Director**  
**Older Persons Services – Operations**

**Appendix 1**  
**Home Support Hours Delivered to February 2019 (YTD)**

Preliminary data

<b>CHO</b>	<b>Activity YTD</b>
<b>National Total</b>	<b>2,744,476</b>
CHO 1	284,052
CHO 2	295,062
CHO 3	238,606
CHO 4	418,581
CHO 5	333,840
CHO 6	209,073
CHO 7	270,559
CHO 8	266,916
CHO 9	427,787