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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne,
4 Pella Road,
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Re: PQ Ref 20883/20 The number of persons awaiting a Speech & Language Therapy appointments in CHO 3 and the waiting times.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO3; the number that have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”*

The table below outlines the numbers of persons waiting for a Speech & Language Therapy initial assessment appointment as per our preliminary data up to the end of June 2020. The waiting time categorisations collected differ from the Parliamentary Question asked, please see below the data available. All referrals received are clinically triaged and are prioritised based on the persons clinical presentation. The Speech & Language Therapy services are provided on an appointment basis the numbers below reflect the numbers waiting for an initial assessment. The Speech & Language Therapy Services provide all therapies on an appointment basis.

Table 1, Number of persons waiting for a Speech & Language Therapy initial assessment, in CHO 3

<i>Waiting List Time</i>	<i>0-4 mths</i>	<i>4 mths & 1 day- 8 mths</i>	<i>8 mths & 1 day - 12 mths</i>	<i>12 mths & 1 day - 18 mths</i>	<i>18 mths & 1 day - 24 mths</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Initial Assessment</i>	388	572	163	110	1	1,234

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

**Carmel McLaughlin
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