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Deputy Mary Butler, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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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: 5338/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 17 April 2020 or the latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme by each local health area; and the length of time waiting in tabular form.

The number of persons awaiting placement under the Fair Deal Scheme

As at the 11 May 2020 the Nursing Homes Support Scheme had a total of 471 clients on the placement list awaiting funding.

The average waiting time

The average wait time for each client on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme placement list as at the 11 May 2020 is 4 weeks.

The number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme in each LHO area in tabular form

(Appendix 1)

The length of time waiting

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme operates a National Waiting list for funding. There is therefore no distinction between waiting times experienced by clients across LHO. Funding provided by the Nursing Homes Support Scheme continues to be allocated on a strict chronological order basis. There is only one waiting list nationally so there are no variances around the country.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1

Waiting List as at 11/05/2020	
LHO	Waiting List
Longford Westmeath	10
Area 1 Dun Laoghaire	17
Area 10 Wicklow	8
Area 2 Dublin South East	7
Area 3 Dublin South City	8
Area 4 Dublin South West	21
Area 5 Dublin West	9
Area 9 Kildare	10
Laois Offaly	24
Louth	15
Meath	12
Cavan Monaghan	12
Dublin North Central	14
Dublin North West	7
Northern Area	18
Cork North Lee	20
Cork South Lee	24
Kerry	22
North Cork	17
West Cork	7
Tipperary South	11
Waterford	17
Carlow Kilkenny	10
Wexford	19
Clare	13
Limerick	16
Tipperary North	19
Galway	38
Mayo	14
Roscommon	6
Sligo Leitrim	11
Donegal	15
TOTAL	471