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Deputy Bríd Smith
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ 11702/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of confirmed outbreaks of Covid-19 in construction sites and industry in general.

Dear Deputy Smith

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

Data were extracted from the Health Protection Surveillance Centre's (HPSC) Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting System (CIDR) on March 9th 2021 at 09:00 am. CIDR is a dynamic system and case details may be updated at any time. Therefore, the data described here may differ from previously reported data and data reported for the same time period in the future.

From March 2020 to midnight March 6th 2021, there has been a total of 77 outbreaks notified to HPSC which are associated with the construction industry with a total of 347 confirmed linked COVID-19 cases. Thirty-one of these outbreaks were associated with construction sites, with 145 confirmed linked cases. The remaining 46 outbreaks were associated with construction-related businesses including building materials (n=14) and engineering (n=11) (Table 1).

Table 1: Outbreaks associated with the construction sector and confirmed linked COVID-19 cases in Ireland: March 2020 to midnight March 6th 2021.

Sub-category	Number of outbreaks	Total number confirmed COVID-19 cases
Construction site	31	145
Building materials	14	68
Engineering	11	60
Construction sector	7	30
Electrical	7	26
Renovation and Maintenance	4	13
Other/unknown	3	5
Total	77	347

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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