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Deputy Alan Kelly  
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**Re: PQ16448/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of members of An Garda Síochána that have been infected with Covid-19 by month from March 2020 to 22 March 2021, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Kelly

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 April 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 07:30 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.

Note: Occupation data are incomplete, it is therefore not possible to identify all COVID-19 cases among Gardai and for those who work in Garda buildings

### **Outbreaks in Garda Stations**

From March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 to March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021, two hundred and five confirmed cases of COVID-19 linked to 39 different outbreaks in Garda Stations have been reported to HPSC. Table 1 outlines the occupations of these cases.

**Table 1:** Occupation of COVID-19 cases linked to outbreaks in Garda Stations in Ireland: March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 to March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021.

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>
Garda Síochána	144
Other support staff	1
Unknown	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>

### Cases among Gardai and those who work in Garda buildings

A further 552 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Gardai and other support staff, which are not connected to the outbreaks above were reported to HPSC. Their place or work was listed as a Garda station or Garda Headquarters (Table 2)

**Table 2:** Occupation of COVID-19 cases reported to HPSC as having a place of work in a Garda station or Garda Headquarters: March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 to March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Occupation	Number of cases
Garda Siochana	535
Other support staff	15
Unknown	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>552</b>

**Table 3** Number of COVID-19 cases by month reported to HPSC in persons whose occupation is described as Garda Siochana: March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 to March 22<sup>nd</sup>

	Month of notification	Cases linked to outbreaks in Garda Stations	Cases not linked to outbreaks in Garda Stations	Total	
<b>2020</b>	March	0	8	8	
	April	0	16	16	
	May	0	0	0	
	June	0	1	1	
	July	0	0	0	
	August	0	11	11	
	September	7	22	29	
	October	6	51	57	
	November	1	23	24	
	December	28	98	126	
	<b>2021</b>	January	87	238	325
		February	6	45	51
March*		9	22	31	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>144</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>679</b>	

\*March data up until 22<sup>nd</sup>

In summary, from March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 to March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021, the HPSC has been notified of 679 (144 +535) confirmed COVID-19 cases in persons whose occupation is described as Garda Siochana.

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

Yours sincerely,



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