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Deputy Willie O'Dea, 2 Glenview Gardens, Farranshone, Limerick.

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Re: PQ 50552/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health office area in CHO3; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that at the end of September 2021, there were 41 persons awaiting an Assessment of Need under the Disability Act 2005 in the Mid-West Community Healthcare (CHO 3). The corresponding figure at the end of June 2020 was 589 persons.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Hoare,

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