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**RE: PQ 50553/21**

***To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for home care support in each local health office area in CHO3; the corresponding figures for each are at the end of June; and if he will make a statement on the matter***

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**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.

Please see below information requested regarding the number of older persons on the waiting for homecare support in each local health office area in CHO3; and the corresponding figures for June, 2020.

	June 2020	September 2021
Limerick	218	105
Clare	355	260
North Tipp/East Lim	170	93
Total	743	468

Of the 468 people on the waiting list 90 are currently in receipt of home support and are waiting for additional care hours. We are very challenged currently in our ability to deliver home support services due to the lack of availability of home care support assistants. The agencies with whom we work closely with are also experiencing similar difficulties.

We are actively addressing this issue through an ongoing recruitment drive that is rendering positive results.

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

Yours sincerely,

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