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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 32574/23 - "To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on the waiting list for eye examinations in Co. Clare by length of time waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Wynne,

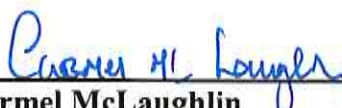
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that at the end of June 2023, 345 children were awaiting an appointment with HSE Ophthalmology Services in Co. Clare for an initial assessment. I am outlining in the table below the breakdown in this information by age and wait time as requested in your Parliamentary Question:

Age group of child	Waiting times (in weeks)					Total No. of Children awaiting appointment
	0-12	12-26	26-39	39-52	52+	
0-4 years	0	2	8	14	32	56
5-17 years	8	11	36	35	199	289
						345

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,


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