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Deputy Mark Ward,
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Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 33244/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the cost to the State in legal fees since late 2018 in defending the 115 court cases brought by parents whose children did not receive an assessment of need in a timely manner set out in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

Please see the table below which gives information regarding the legal costs incurred in relation to proceedings issued by parents whose child did not receive an assessment in a timely manner. This information relates to a late or delayed AON from 2018 to 14th June 2023 – Total 119 cases.

Total CKT Invoices	Counsel Uploaded	Fees	Total
388,535.74	857,591.05		1,246,126.79

Please note the following:

Comyn Kelleher Tobin (CKT) fee total does not include invoices generated on the HSE system that remain unapproved by the HSE as those invoices do not synch with Evolve until they are approved and about to be paid.

Counsel fee totals are gross figures and are related to invoices uploaded to the system – there may be work carried out that has not yet been invoiced.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Bernard O'Regan,
Head of Operations - Disability Services,
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