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**Deputy Denis Naughten**  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare St., Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 29121/23 - “To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

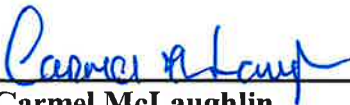
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I am outlining in the table below, the details regarding the number of children waiting to be offered an appointment for an initial assessment/initial therapy and further therapy by Primary Care Speech & Language Therapy Services in the HSE Mid-West area (CHO3):

	Waiting times (in months)						Total No. of Children awaiting appointment
	0-4	4-8	8-12	12-18	18-24	24+	
<b>Initial Assessment</b>	653	453	171	88	0	0	1,365
<b>Initial Therapy</b>	117	138	87	45	23	0	410
<b>Further Therapy</b>	494	285	160	64	11	2	1,016

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

Yours sincerely,

  
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