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Mr. Martin Browne T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2.

PQ 23812/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people approved for the provision of homecare in CHO5; the number of those people who have received homecare provision; the number of those people who are waiting for the provision of homecare; if he will provide a breakdown of the length of time in two-month increments that those people who have not yet received homecare provision have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 23814/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare hours that have been approved in CHO5; the number of homecare hours approved but not yet provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following composite reply outlines the current position.

Table: Home Support Services South East Community Healthcare (SECH - CHO5)

No. of clients in receipt of Home Support Hours	No. of clients waiting Home Support Hours	No. of clients approved Home Support Hours
6,727	1,003	7,730

Please be advised that information regarding the length of time waiting home care provision in twomonth increments is not routinely collated in the format as requested and therefore we are unable to provide you with this information.

As with other areas SECH continues to experience challenges in relation to home care staffing. There is ongoing recruitment of Home Care Support Assistants (formerly Home Helps) across the South East. In addition a range of other measures are being implemented to enhance the recruitment of HCSA staff.

I trust that this is of assistance.



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Yours sincerely,

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