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PQ 18901/24 – *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of house calls visits carried out by doctors in each treatment centre on D-Doc services in each of the past 28 days, in tabular form”*
– Catherine Murphy TD

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

The Dublin Doctor on Call (DDOC) GP Out of Hours Service provides urgent medical care to the population of Dublin North City and County outside of normal GP hours. Appointments for this service are available from 6pm until 8am weekdays and 24 hours at weekends, covering 365 days a year. At present, there are three mobile units providing home visit appointments. Both the Coolock and Hartstown mobile units are operational throughout all opening hours while the Ballymun mobile unit is only operational at weekends and peak times.

The following is a breakdown of house visits completed by the mobile units for 28 days, from 3rd April – 30th April 2024 inclusive.

	Ballymun	Coolock	Hartstown	Total
Home Visit	44	289	263	596

I trust this clarifies the matter but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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