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Ms Grace Boland, TD,
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PQ 5246/25 *"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for a breakdown of the waiting lists of children awaiting their assessment of needs in CH09, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter."* - **Grace Boland, TD**

Dear Deputy Boland,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West (IHA DNC & DNCW) collates data pertaining to the Assessment of Need (AON) process under the Disability Act, 2005 as per the HSE Operational Guidance System (OGS) which is reported on a quarterly basis. The most recent report available is the end of Quarter 4 2024. Please see the table below with information pertaining to IHA DNC & IHA DNCW overdue AON applications to be completed.

Please note: Overdue AON applications as captured on OGS are categorised by timeframes of:

- *Less than 1 month*
- *1 - 3 Months*
- *Over 3 Months*

	Overdue Total	<1 Month	1-3 Months	>3 Months
North Dublin	1,937	73	157	1,707
Dublin North Central	313	20	37	256
North West Dublin	943	42	73	828
IHA DNC & DNCW	3,193	135	267	2,791

Overdue applications are calculated based on the statutory timelines of 3 months from start stage 2 and no more than 6 months from the application date.

I may reassure you IHA DNC & IHA DNCW are constantly working to improve the waiting time for the service and efforts are ongoing to improve waiting times. I understand that each parent's priority is for their child and I empathise with the frustrations of those currently awaiting an assessment. The AON office in IHA DNC & IHA DNCW may be contacted by email at aon.dncc@hse.ie or by phone on 01 795 7950 if any families wish to discuss their child's case further.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you

Yours sincerely,

Mr Enda Doody
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Dublin North City & West