

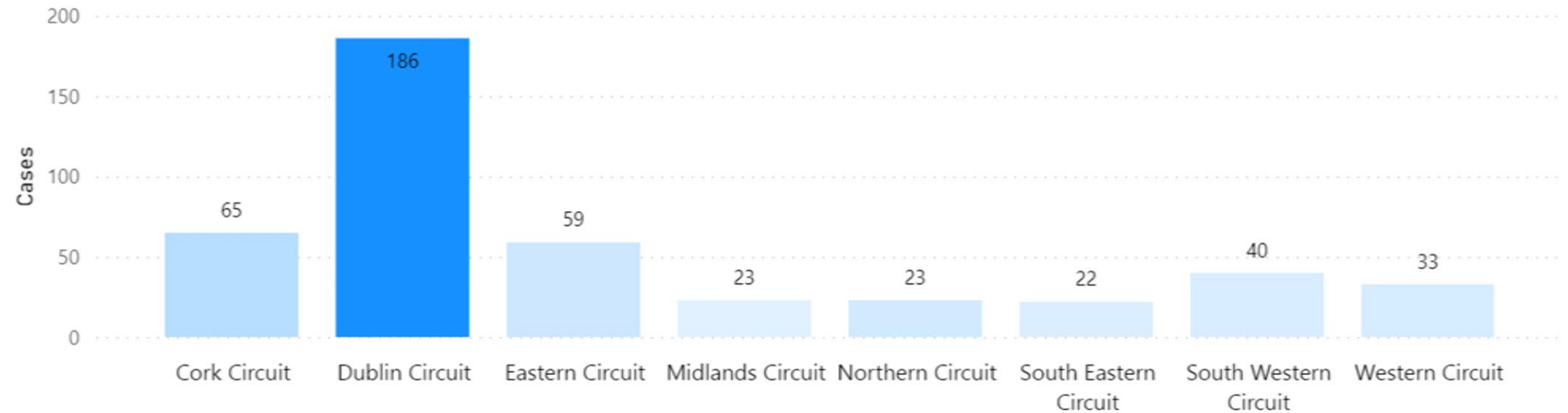
Assisted Decision- Making (Capacity) Act 2015 (as amended)

AN INSIGHT INTO THE COURTROOM
HIS HONOUR JUDGE JOHN O'CONNOR
DUBLIN CIRCUIT

Overview of the Country

Total Cases
451

Cases by Region



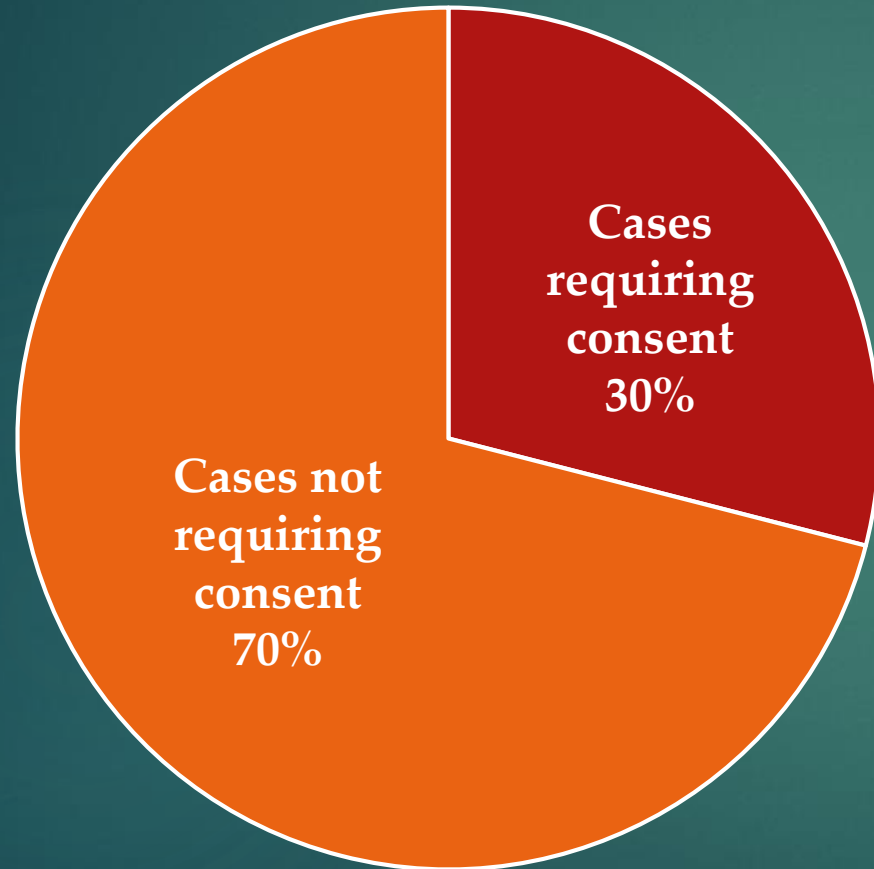
Overview of Judge O'Connor's cases

Total number of Cases before the Court	148
DMROs Granted	74

What was the outcome in the other 74 cases?

- Cases adjourned to get updated proofs.
 - Average number of court appearances per DMRO granted = 1.97
- Cases withdrawn as the Relevant Person passes away before final orders.
- Ex parte consent applications granted but Capacity Application not lodged.
- Cases withdrawn of the parties' own motion as co-decision-making agreement is more appropriate route.

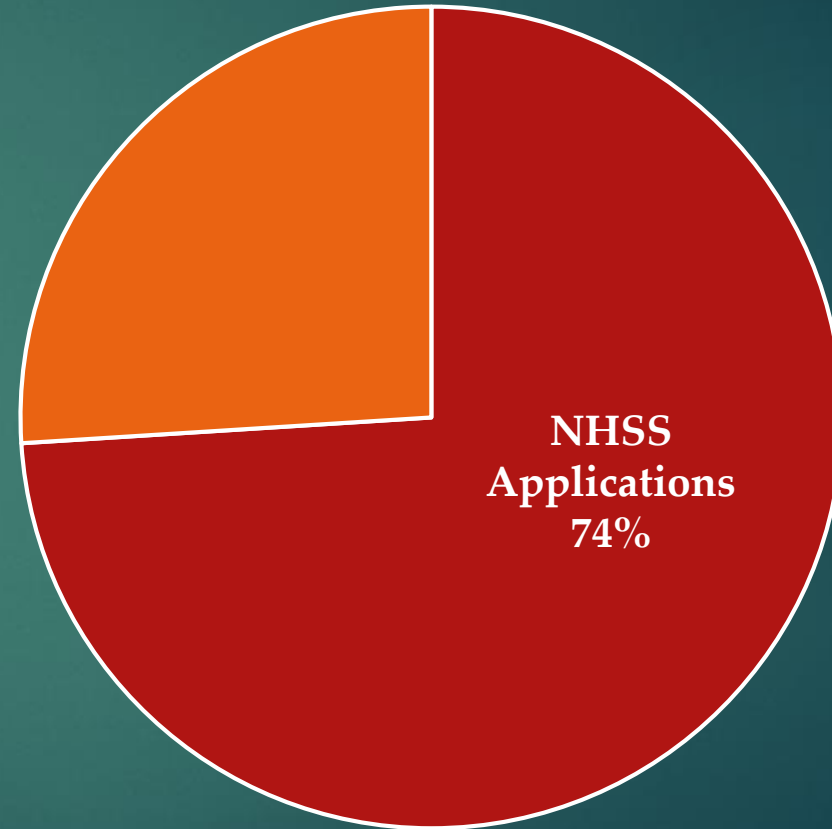
Ex Parte Consent Applications



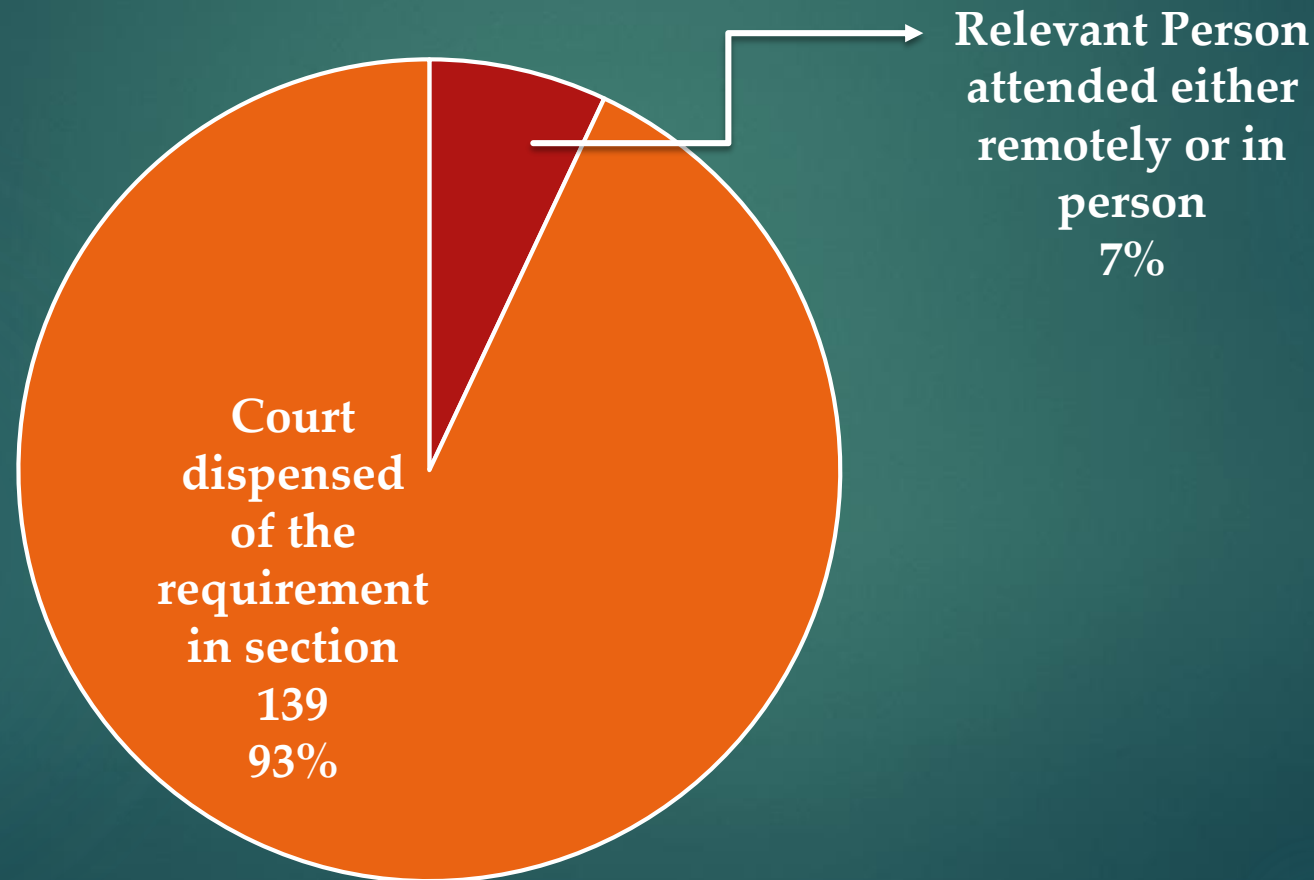
- Thus far, 30% of cases before the Court required the consent of the Court before issuing the Capacity Application.
- Applications made by or on behalf of the HSE/Hospitals account for 9% of the total number of cases.
- Other groups:
 - Siblings
 - Parents of adult children
 - Nieces and nephews

Nursing Home Support Scheme

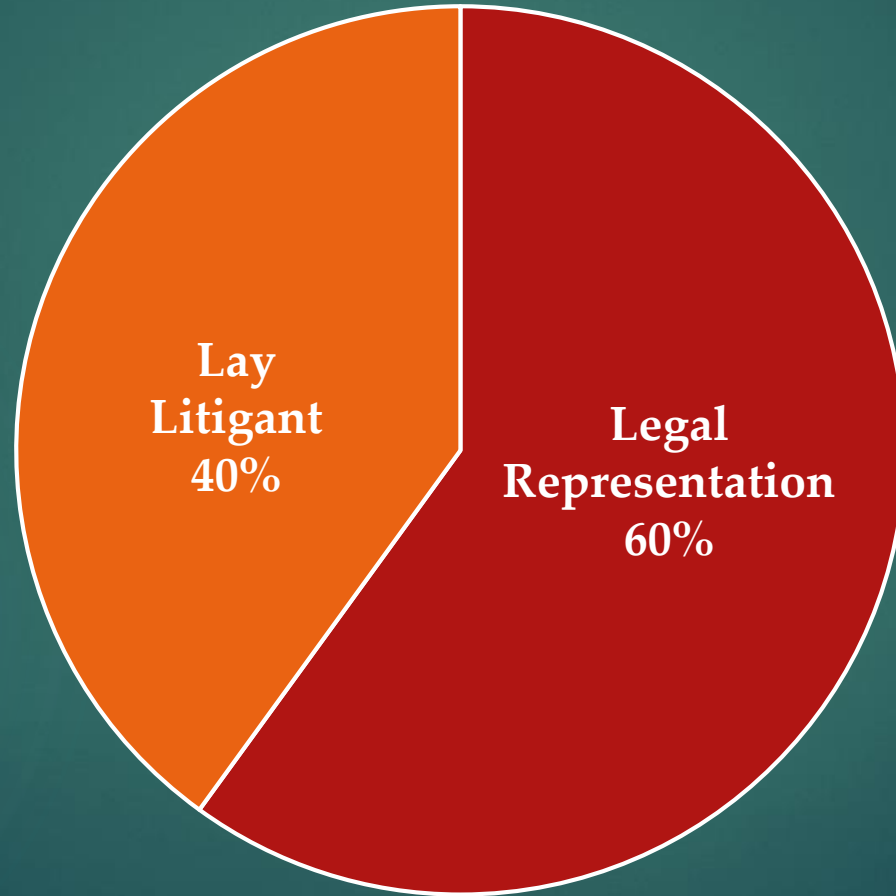
Of the 148 cases before the Court, 109 cases seek orders relating to the Nursing Home Support Scheme.



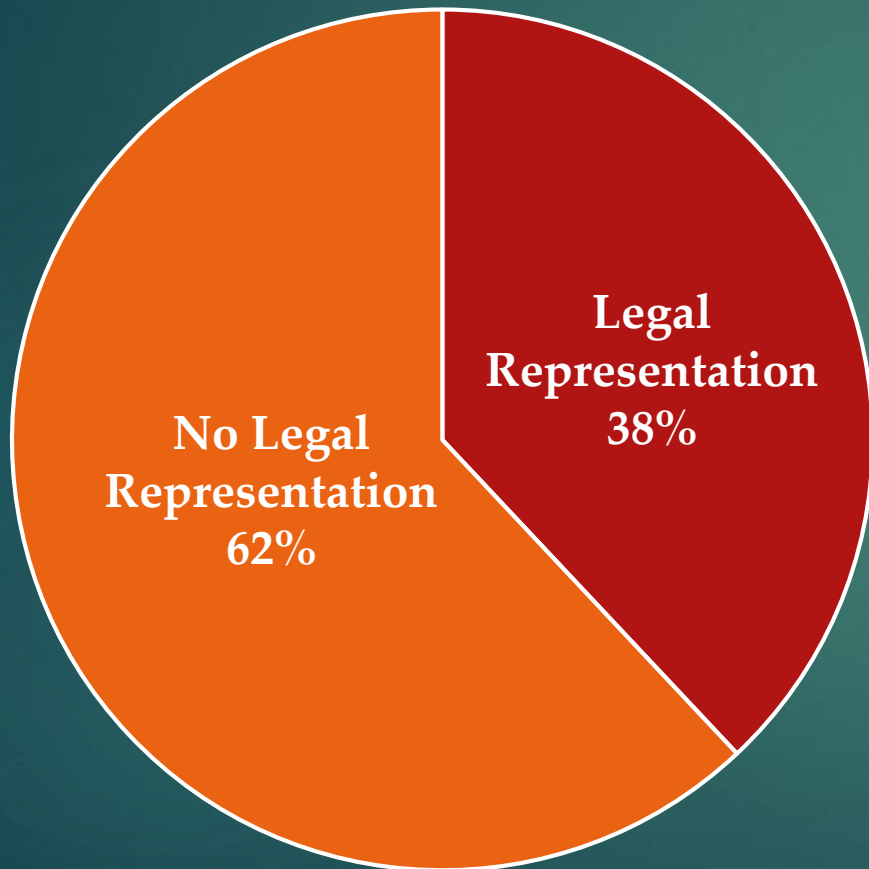
Section 139 of the Act – the Relevant Person shall attend Court



Legal Representation - Applicant

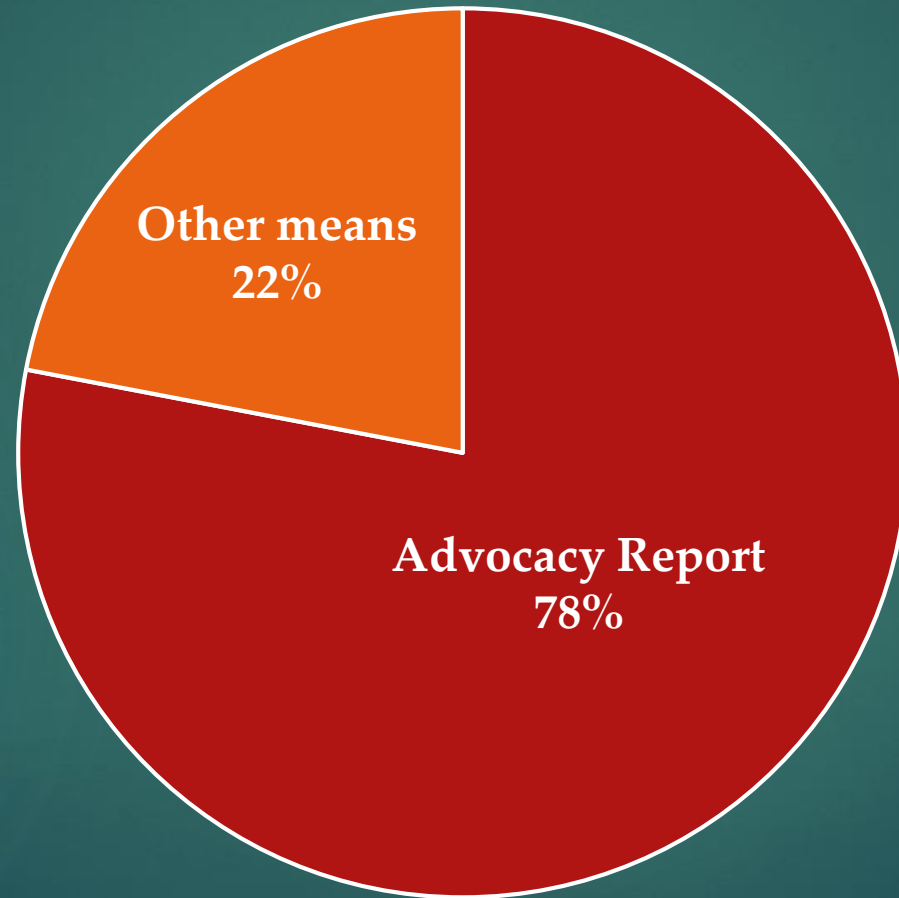


Legal Representation – Relevant Person



- This data set is per DMRO granted since commencement.
- However, in recent times we have seen an increase in the number of cases where the Relevant Person is legally represented.
- Taking the past 20 DMROs granted, the percentage of cases where the Relevant Person was legal represented rises from 38% (as seen in the pie chart) to 55%.

Voice of the Relevant Person



DSS Panel Member DMRs

