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Deputy Martin Browne
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Re: PQ/43409/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting an assessment of need in CHO3; to provide the details in increments of three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

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 Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There are currently 528 children in CHO3 awaiting an assessment of needs. Details of waiting times in increments of three months are outlined in the table below.

Date Range	*Wait time In months	Total	Cumulative Totals
Nov 2021 – Jan 2022	33 – 36	26	0
Feb 2022 – Apr 2022	30 - 33	90	116
May 2022 – Jul 2022	27 - 30	70	186
Aug 2022 – Oct 2022	24 - 27	33	219
Nov 2022 – Jan 2023	21 – 24	29	248
Feb 2023 – Apr 2023	18 – 21	28	276
May 2023 – Jul 2023	15 – 18	30	306
Aug 2023 – Oct 2023	12 – 15	31	337
Nov 2023 – Jan 2024	9 – 12	30	367
Feb 2024 – Apr 2024	6 – 9	33	400
May 2024 – Jul 2024	3 – 6	68	468
Aug 2024 – Oct 2024	0 – 3	60	528



I trust this clarifies the situation, but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mary O'Malley', written over a horizontal line.

Mary O'Malley
Head of Service
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