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**Robert Troy TD**  
**Dáil Éireann**  
**Leinster House**  
**Dublin 2**

**RE: PQ ref 43547/24**  
**The number of children currently on the waiting list for Autism assessments in**  
**Westmeath.**

Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above parliamentary question. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

Within Disability Services, there are three Children's Disability Network Teams providing services to children with complex disability needs across Longford/Westmeath. At present there are 229 children registered with teams for autism assessment across these three (3) networks.

Separate to this, there is a cohort of children within Longford / Westmeath who are registered with Primary Care / CAMHS and are awaiting autism assessment (not registered with Children's Disability Network Teams). The numbers in this instance are 237.

The HSE is actively working to ensure that these assessments are completed in a timely manner and at present the wait time is approximately 12-18 months.

In relation to your additional query on children awaiting Assessment of Need, I can confirm that there are no children in Westmeath awaiting AON.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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