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Mr. Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin
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Re: PQ 14675/11

Dear Deputy O' Caoláin,

The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the Parliamentary Question below, which you submitted to the Minister for Health & Children for response.

“ To ask the Minister for Health and Children the number of children taken into care for each of the past seven years broken down by Health Service Executive area; the categories under which these children were taken into care; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

We have examined the matter and the attached table is the response.

I trust this is the information you require.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Jeyes
National Director
Children & Family Services

PQ 14675/11 No. children and categories taken into care by Health Service Executive

Area	*Abuse						*Child Problems						*Family Problems					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
Dublin Mid- Leinster	27	103	91	120	154	5	47	42	58	57		102	202	247	205	190		
Dublin North East	23	110	131	164	195	76	32	35	45	52		905	294	286	325	300		
South	12	105	149	151	166	103	105	76	78	123		641	289	472	398	559		
West	69	105	148	104	161	87	41	105	77	90		522	412	377	285	325		
TOTAL	45	423	519	539	676	271	225	258	258	322		1447	1197	1382	1213	1374		

Definition:

* Abuse (Physical/Sexual/Emotional and Neglect)

* Child Problems (emotional/behavioural problems, abusing drugs/alcohol/crime/child pregnancy/physical illness/disability/mental health/other)

* Family Problems (parents unable to cope/family member abusing/domestic violence/physical/mental health/asylum seekers/other)