



Deputy Peadar Tóibín
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

29th June 2023

Dear Deputy Tóibín

I refer to Parliamentary Question No. 506 of 30 May 2023 where you sought:

“To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people arrested for burglaries in each county in the State in each of the past five years, in tabular form.”

As you will recall, Minister Harris had sought the information you requested from the Garda authorities and undertook to contact you again once the information was to hand.

As you will be aware, in accordance with the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (as amended), the Garda Commissioner is responsible for the management and administration of An Garda Síochána, including all operational policing matters. As Minister, I have no role in these matters, nor can I direct the Commissioner with regard to them.

The Government is committed to building stronger, safer communities and ensuring that An Garda Síochána has the resources it needs, which is reflected in an allocation of over €2 billion under Budget 2023.

I am assured by the Garda authorities that the distribution of Garda resources is kept under constant review, in light of policing priorities and emerging crime trends.

It should be noted that the overall reported level of burglary in 2022 was 45% lower than pre-Covid-pandemic levels of 2019. In addition, the Gardaí announced recently that burglaries in winter 2022 were 2.8% lower than in the summer, which is the first recorded reduction in burglaries during a Winter Phase of Operation Thor, the national operation targeting burglary and associated criminality, compared to a Summer Phase.

These reductions are the result of a sustained intelligence-led approach by the Garda.


I am informed by the Garda authorities that the table below sets out the number of people arrested for burglaries in each county in the State in each of the past five years. This data was taken from PULSE and is correct to 6 June 2023.

Division	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cavan/Monaghan	74	70	59	53	30	20
Clare	79	50	41	26	34	12
Cork City	147	100	143	93	94	23
Cork North	41	47	44	43	18	20
Cork West	21	17	16	14	26	*
D.M.R. Eastern	174	127	149	100	79	27
D.M.R. North Central	186	182	175	129	136	75
D.M.R. Northern	184	137	166	119	115	80
D.M.R. South Central	261	245	299	193	222	86
D.M.R. Southern	182	175	176	111	127	63
D.M.R. Western	144	131	178	107	153	47
Donegal	48	72	49	38	37	14
Galway	80	69	73	41	51	22
Kerry	64	56	56	45	36	26
Kildare	107	109	88	74	65	28
Kilkenny/Carlow	89	98	84	55	41	24
Laois/Offaly	85	94	93	73	64	33
Limerick	164	139	155	125	103	38
Louth	114	71	94	56	43	23
Mayo/Roscommon/Longford	84	57	75	79	58	24
Meath	56	63	71	35	34	25
Sligo/Leitrim	30	24	35	16	17	*
Tipperary	97	75	79	80	67	31
Waterford	117	112	120	67	95	40
Westmeath	36	62	77	43	28	16
Wexford	80	74	100	74	53	12
Wicklow	85	69	50	61	61	11

* Data is not released by An Garda Síochána for counts less than 10 for data protection reasons.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen McEntee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Helen McEntee T.D.
Minister for Justice