



Deputy Peadar Tóibín TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin
D02 A272

10th December 2024

Re: Parliamentary Question 40175/24 / Dail PQ ref 21

Dear Deputy Tóibín

I wish to refer further to the following Parliamentary Question submitted by you for written answer on 16 October 2024.

To ask the Minister for the Environment; Climate and Communications the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024; the costs incurred by his Department in relation to such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

As my Department has been reconfigured on several occasions since 2012, the information sought by the Deputy is not readily available and its compilation would involve a disproportionate amount of time to compile.

My Department has gathered the information requested covering the period since the formation of the current Government and this is set out below by year.

Year the legal case was taken against Department	Number of legal cases taken against Department	Associated costs to date ¹
2020	4	€171,395
2021	3	€0
2022	5	€47,970
2023	9	€0

¹ Costs relate to cases initiated in year but may be payable across multiple years.

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2024	5	€6,255
Total:	26	€225,620

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Eamon Ryan'.

Eamon Ryan
Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications