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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of members of boards in each body under the aegis of her Department who have a professional accounting qualification, for each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Geoghegan,

I refer to the parliamentary question above and apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Please see the table below for the information in respect of the boards of bodies under the aegis of the Department.

Aegis Body	Number of board members with accounting qualification
Adoption Authority of Ireland	2020 - 2025: None There are legislative requirements that set out the requisite number and qualifications of the members of the Board.
Child & Family Agency (Tusla)	2020 & 2021: 1 2022 - 2025: 2
Gaisce	2020 - 2025: 3
National Disability Authority	Board members are recruited based on experience and competency in areas related to disability policy and practice, universal design, and governance & compliance. The Stateboards competition for NDA board positions does not prioritise professional qualifications over this experience. However, the board ensures that relevant professional qualifications (including accountancy) are represented in the external membership of the Finance Committee and the Audit & Risk Committee, each of which report directly to the board.
Oberstown	2020 - 2025: 1



Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Norma Foley", written over a horizontal line.

Norma Foley, T.D.
Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth