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**RE: PQ 52094/25**

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the cost of all staff overtime at the Oberstown Children Detention Campuses from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

Oberstown Children Detention Campus (Oberstown) is a national service that provides a safe and secure environment for young people remanded in custody or sentenced by the Courts for a period of detention. Located on a single site in Oberstown, Lusk, Co Dublin. Oberstown falls under the aegis of the Children Detention Schools Unit in the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE).

Oberstown is a secure, complex, high-risk, 24/7 organisation. The principal objective of the campus under the Children Act 2001 is to provide appropriate care, education, training and other programmes to young people under 18 years with a view to reintegrating them successfully back into their communities and society.

|          | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       | 2024       | 2025 (figure is YTD to end of September) |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------------|
| Overtime | 156,367.00 | 349,416.00 | 359,027.00 | 564,428.00 | 776,732.00 | 536,608.14                               |

Kind regards,

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