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Dear Lord Mayor,

To ask the Minister of Justice, in relation to the 24,482 incidents of domestic abuse recorded by the PSNI in 2009/10, how many of these cases occurred in each policing district; and how many were regarded as serious.

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The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister for Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

The information you seek is in the table appended to this letter. The Police Service of Northern Ireland deems all domestic motivated crimes as serious. We have however split the offences contained within the attached table as follows:

- violent crime (offences against the person, sexual offences and robbery),
- breach of non-molestation orders,
- all other non-violent crime.

It is important to note however that, within the violent crime category, there will be considerable variation in the degree and nature of injury sustained by the victim.

Please be advised that a copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the Northern Ireland Assembly. If you have any queries regarding this response, please address your correspondence to Command Secretariat, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT5 6LE.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,
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Incidents and crimes with a domestic abuse motivation¹

2009/10

	Total incidents recorded ¹	Total offences recorded ¹	Offences recorded by type of offence		
			Violent Crime ²	Breach of non-molestation orders	All other offences
A District	3,277	1,186	793	137	256
B District	2,152	806	615	64	127
C District	2,611	1,187	844	148	195
D District	3,827	1,610	1,133	187	290
E District	3,597	1,554	1,086	168	300
F District	2,217	906	672	65	169
G District	4,137	1,521	1,046	169	306
H District	2,654	1,133	758	129	246
Total	24,482	9,903	6,947	1,067	1,889

Source: PSNI Central Statistics Unit