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Dear Mr Storey,

To ask the Minister of Justice how many incidents of elderly people being assaulted in their homes have been recorded in H District in each of the last five years; and how many convictions have been secured for assaults

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The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of 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 number of such assaults can be found in the attached table. The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not record conviction data and I am unable to answer the second part of your question.

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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Recorded assault¹ and robbery offences where the offence occurred at a dwelling² and victim was aged³ 65+ years

H District

	Recorded
2005/06	23
2006/07	21
2007/08	17
2008/09	19
2009/10	23

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Assault offences include GBH with intent, Wounding with intent, GBH, Wounding, AOABH and common/aggravated assault.

² These figures are based on recorded offences where MO information indicates the occurrence to have taken place at a dwelling. It is not possible to identify if the victim permanently resided at the premises.

³ In some cases it is not possible to identify age information on victims. The proportion of Northern Ireland violent crime and domestic burglary offences where the victim age was unknown is 2.3% in 2005/06, 2.0% in 2006/07, 2.9% in 2007/08, 2.7% in 2008/09 and 3.6% in 2009/10.

Please Note:

These figures are based on information taken from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change.