

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2008

Question

"Would the Minister provide members with data showing the total number of appointments at doctors' surgeries each month between January and September 2008, and also provide comparative data for the same period of 2007?"

Answer

The table shows the number of GP consultations on a monthly basis. It should be noted that a monthly analysis has limited significance as the number of GP visits will be affected by the weather conditions and outbreaks of flu and other viruses from time to time.

For example, for the period requested, January to September, the number of visits in 2008 is 2,481 less than the corresponding period in 2007. **However, the number of visits between February and September 2008 (since Income Support has been introduced) is 1,720 more than 2007.**

Months	Surgery visits 2007	Surgery visits 2008
January	21615	17414
February	18453	15950
March	16334	18380
April	14364	15968
May	18779	15126
June	15749	15103
July	17924	16505
August	13827	15615
September	15450	19953