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Dear *Karen*

I refer to your question during Minister's Question Time on 20 January 2014, in which you requested information on the number of complaints, if any, which had been registered with the Labour Relations Agency (LRA) as a result of the Agency Workers Directive.

As I did not have the information to hand at that time, I promised to come back to you with an answer.

I can now confirm that the LRA have advised that they do not collect information as 'complaints', but instead record all enquiries as 'queries'. The LRA began recording the number of agency worker-related queries from May 2012 and, since this time, they have handled 372 queries.

I am copying this response to the Speaker of the Assembly, as well as the Assembly Business Office.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Speaker of the NI Assembly
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