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Dail Question No: 371

To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that have registered as drone operators in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of pilot competency certificates issued on an annual basis over that time period; the number of drone operator IDs issued for companies over the same time period; if he will provide an estimate of unregistered drone operators.

Deputy Farrelly

Please see the following data table to support the response to your questions:

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Operators	3,987	5,528	5,528	325
RP Certs, Open A1/A3	4,317	4,602	5,255	256
RP Certs, Open A2	503	272	275	8
RP Certs, STS	159	108	102	5

We cannot breakdown registrations into companies and individuals and we currently have no evidential basis on which to base an estimate.

Sincerely

Alec Elliott