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the public are asked to provide as much detail about the case they are reporting as possible and, they can do so anonymously.

In the first seven months of this year, 8,560 reports were received in the Central Control Section of the Department, compared with 6,046 in the same period last year.

There is a noted increase in reports of suspected abuse of the social welfare system, being reported by members of the public:

- In 2008, for the entire year 1,044 anonymous reports were received in Control Division;
- In 2009, for the entire year 6,429 anonymous reports were received;
- In 2010, for the entire year 12,648 anonymous reports were received.

Commenting on the figures, Minister Burton said that each and every report made by a member of the public is followed up by the appropriate area to assess if action is necessary.

Reports can be made as follows:

- **Online:** [www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie)
- **By Phone:** (01) 704 3000, ask for Central Control Section or (071) 9672648 or Locall: 1890 927999.
- **By Post:** Central Control Division, DSP, Shannon Lodge, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim.

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**Notes for Editors**

**Reviews carried out and savings achieved Jan to July 2011**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Savings achieved January - July 2011 €m</b>	<b>Number of Reviews January - July 2011</b>
<b>Jobseekers</b>	46.563	126,376
<b>OFP</b>	101.45	58,623
<b>Illness</b>	49.305	111,032
<b>Pensions</b>	84.705	8,516
<b>Child Benefit</b>	19.404	12,360
<b>Carers</b>	5.843	1,790
<b>FIS</b>	7.551	16,218
<b>SWA, PRSI, Frees &amp; others</b>	29.876	15,390
<b>Total</b>	<b>€344.698m</b>	<b>350,305</b>

**Breakdown of anonymous reports received in the first half of 2010 and 2011**

<b>Type of report</b>	<b>2010 (Jan- July)</b>	<b>2011 (Jan - July)</b>
Working and Claiming	2,567	3,829
Cohabitation	1,662	2,328
Outside ROI	346	466
Employer issue	168	212
Other	1,303	1,725
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,046</b>	<b>8,560</b>







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The basis of these reviews is directed towards individuals whose lifestyle and display of wealth or assets are not commensurate with Social Welfare dependency.

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