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To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests sent to Germany for analysis compared to the number tested domestically during the past three months – Paul McAuliffe

Dear Deputy Mc Auliffe,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

The HSE has 46 laboratories providing COVID19 testing with capacity up to 15,000 samples per day. This has been built up the last number of months from a base of one laboratory (NVRL).

This laboratories undertaking COVID19 testing are:

- Public hospital laboratories 31
- Private hospital laboratories 11
- NVRL and their associated laboratories 2
- Commercial laboratories 2

These form a vital part of our COVID19 testing and tracing infrastructure. There has been significant investment in the logistics, testing kits, reagents, and Information systems and data architecture. These are all key elements of ensuring the system is as robust as possible.

During this period the total PCR Tests Reported is 425,030. The total PCR Tests Reported by our European partner is 58,644.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Damien McCallion
National Director, HSE