

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Minister Niall Collins  
Dáil Éireann  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**PQ 13055/20:** *To ask the Minister for Health the number of prisoners tested for the Covid-19 virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**PQ 13056/20:** *To ask the Minister for Health the number of prisoners that refused to be tested for the Covid-19 virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**PQ 13057/20:** *To ask the Minister for Health the location in which samples taken from prisoners for the Covid-19 virus were analysed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**PQ 13058/20:** *To ask the Minister for Health if each prisoner tested for the Covid-19 virus was informed of the result of their test; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**PQ 13059/20:** *To ask the Minister for Health if the consent of prisoners tested for the Covid-19 virus was obtained prior to carrying out the test; the way in which the consent was obtained; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

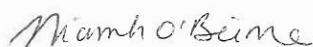
Dear Minister Collins,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Questions which had been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

These questions in relation to the testing arrangements of prisoners have been reviewed and I wish to advise that it is more appropriate for these questions to be redirected to the Irish Prison Service (under the auspices of the Minister for Justice and Equality) for their Medical Director to respond.

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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