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Deputy Roisin Shortall TD Dail Eireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 1

PQ Question 9155/20: To ask the Minister for Health the status of Covid-19 cases in direct provision centres and a centre (details supplied); and if the centre is included in the overall figures for direct provision centres.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The above PQ has been sent to my Department for direct response to you.

As of June 20th, there were 16 COVID-19 clusters/outbreaks notified in direct provision centres (DPCs), with 180 confirmed cases notified (not all 180 cases were linked to an outbreak and some though not many were sporadic cases), 12 of whom were admitted to hospital. There were no ICU admissions or deaths associated with these outbreaks. No new COVID-19 clusters/outbreaks have been reported in DPCs in the last two weeks, and the most recent confirmed case linked to a DPC outbreak was reported on June 4th. These data include data for Centre named.

As of June 20th, there were 49 notified confirmed cases (the cases were diagnosed in hospital but most treated in community except in early stage when because of self-isolation needed to be in hospital) linked to the COVID-19 outbreak at named Centre, eight of whom were admitted to hospital. There was no ICU admissions or deaths linked to this outbreak. The outbreak is now closed, with no linked cases notified since May 13th 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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