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Deputy O'Sullivan
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Re: PQ Number 9672/20

Question: To ask the Minister for Health if a commitment will be given to priority testing for employees in meat plant factories in view of the close proximity of the working conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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

Workers in meat factories who have required testing have been facilitated to receive this in a timely fashion.

The situation is continuously monitored to ensure that workers are tested when needed and necessary public health action can be taken within an acceptable timeframe. This monitoring will continue in future so that employees can have their tests and results in a prompt manner and corrective action can be taken as required.

I trust this addresses your question.

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