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Re: PQ Number 9763/20

**Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of announced and unannounced inspections, respectively of meat plants that have been carried out by the infection outbreak control team.**

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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

The total number of inspections has been detailed in the response to PQ Number 9762/20. In the current context of the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis those sites connected with Outbreak Control Teams were pre-advised at short notice by the Health and Safety Authority in line with onsite health and safety considerations and/or joint inspections with other authorities already engaged with the relevant facilities. We are aware the Health & Safety Authority also inspected a number of other Meat Plant facilities not connected with outbreaks on an unannounced basis. Queries in respect to the activities of the Health and Safety Authority should be directed to the Minister of Business, Enterprise and Innovation.

I trust this addresses your question.

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