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Deputy Chris Andrews,

Leinster House

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Re; Parliamentary Questions PQ 12937/20, PQ 12938/20 and PQ 12939/20

Dear Deputy Andrews,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Questions

Taking each of the PQs in turn;

1. To ask the Minister for Health the protocol for Dublin City Council to contact the HSE pest control unit .PQ 12937/20

Response;

There is an established procedure whereby Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance directly contacts the Supervisor of the HSE Pest Control Service for the relevant area. This can be done by email or by telephone. In conjunction with Dublin City Council a new protocol is currently being developed and a dedicated pest control email address is being established. The new contact details are

Southside; Telephone; 01 795 5057 Pestcontrol.south@hse.ie

Northside; Telephone; 01 860 5860 Pestcontrol.north@hse.ie

2. To ask the Minister for Health the approved contractors used by the HSE for pest control. PQ 12938/20

Response;

The HSE Pest Control Service directly employs Pest Control Officers - the work is not contracted out to a third party.

3.To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE pest control unit will not sanction the use of bait boxes for use in the Dublin City Council area in view of the fact it does so in other Dublin local authority areas; the person that makes the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. PQ 12939/20

Response;

The HSE uses bait boxes containing poison when undertaking pest control treatments. The same manner of baiting is used throughout the Dublin City and County local authority areas.

I trust this answers your questions,

Yours sincerely,

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