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Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D.  
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Re: PQ ref 37871/20

**"To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE hired consultants to advise it on IT security and cyber-attacks; if so, the cost associated with same"**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

In response to your query, the HSE did not hire consultants to advise it on IT security and cyber-attacks. The HSE continues to leverage the expertise of existing security and technology partners on such matters, within current contracted services.

If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fran Thompson".

Fran Thompson,  
Interim Chief Information Officer, OoCIO, HSE.