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PQ Question Ref: 39100/20:

To ask the Minister for Health if options have been explored for the capturing of place of work information from all positive cases of Covid-19 in meat processing plants; if a decision has been made on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy,

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

Serial testing of workers in Meat Processing Plants (MPPs) is ongoing on a regular basis. Workers who are COVID positive as part of the serial testing process are notified to the Departments of Public Health so that the case is clearly identified as working in a particular MPP.

All confirmed positive cases of Covid-19 are contacted by contact tracers. Place of work information is part of the questionnaire administered by contact tracers.

When COVID case numbers are very high, a shortened questionnaire is administered to make best use of available resources and prioritise notification of all positive cases

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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