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Deputy Alan Kelly TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 27924 20: The amount spent by his Department on PPE in each the months of January to September 2020; the amount his Department is expected to spend until year end 2020

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Context - Market Landscape and Sourcing Environment

The COVID-19 global pandemic continues to be an urgent and unprecedented crisis. The challenge Ireland has faced in sourcing PPE and critical medical equipment has been unprecedented in what has been an exceptionally competitive and highly volatile global market. It is critical to understand the sourcing landscape in which the HSE were required to operate in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The characteristics and landscape of the market included -

- Unprecedented volatility - WHO reported demand for PPE and critical medical equipment to be 100 times normal demand and prices up to 20 times higher than normal
- China in lockdown – China introduced significant restrictions which included closure of manufacturing plants. Where manufacturing and supply capacity was identified there were limited shipping channels available due to port and airport closures.
- Many countries introduced export bans and restrictions. In mid-March, a total of 226 countries were identified that had export bans, export restrictions or state requisitioning arrangements in place
- Traditional sourcing channels were non-existent – the typical supply base with whom the HSE operated was not in a position to source and secure the volumes of PPE and critical medical equipment required

The amount spent by his Department on PPE in each the months of January to September 2020:

PPE Spend in each the months of January to September 2020									
	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Grand Total
Total €	1,427,953	53,415,295	173,540,892	187,683,450	83,702,405	133,635,109	44,961,635	43,509,893	721,876,633
Notes:									
1. Data sourced from the midlands general ledger (all centrally sourced PPE is recorded on Midlands general ledger) at at 30.09.20.									
2. Please note that this is draft data and is as yet unaudited.									

Current expectations is that Spend on PPE will reach circa €900m by the end of the current year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely



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