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Deputy Denis Naughten Dáil Éireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re: PQ 29440/20

Question: "To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 PCR tests performed each week in September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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

I wish to apologise for the delay in issuing a response to your above question.

Due to the current demands of the Covid-19 pandemic and the numerous queries we have received to date it has taken longer than I would've liked to respond.

Please see attached Appendix which provides a breakdown of the number of tests for Covid-19 conducted weekly in September in the Community, Acute and by NAS. Please note we collate Acute and NAS data nationally.

I have also included the link to Ireland's Covid 19 data hub where you can access the most up to date national statistics, information and data for your information:

• https://covid19ireland-geohive.hub.arcgis.com

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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