



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

11th November 2020

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To ask the Minister for Health the amount a company (details supplied) is being paid per month for Covid-19 related services from March to September 2020 - Alan Kelly.

Details Supplied - Enfer

Due date 04/11/2020

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To ask the Minister for Health the amount a company (details supplied) is being paid per month per Covid-19 test from March to September 2020. - Alan Kelly.

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Due date: 04/11/2020

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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

Enfer are contracted for Covid testing services under the clinical governance of the National Virus Reference Laboratory (NVRL).

Release of volumes or pricing information would weaken the HSE's position in regard to the ongoing negotiations we are having with our laboratories and suppliers. Declaring commercial rates or presenting information in such a way that commercial rates can be extrapolated has the potential to undermine our ability to secure future capacity. It would also place the HSE in breach of the confidentiality obligations in our contracts but this would be secondary at present to our ongoing supply challenges.

I trust that you appreciate the importance of this as we continue to have to work through global pressures in the testing supply arena as all countries seek to ensure adequate capacity.

I hope this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Damien McCallion".

**Damien McCallion
National Director, HSE**