



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

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**PQ Number:** 21719/20

**Question:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests sent abroad for analysis each week since 1 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Éamon Ó Cuív

**Request Type:** Direct Written Response to [Eamon.OCuiv@oireachtas.ie](mailto:Eamon.OCuiv@oireachtas.ie)

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

One of the HSE laboratories used for COVID testing is a major European diagnostic laboratory which has laboratories in Ireland and in Germany. These form an important part of our national laboratory capacity. Since June 1st we have had 4489 samples processed in the Germany laboratory.

I trust 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 Mc Callion".

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**Damien Mc Callion**

**HSE National Director**