5th October

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ 24966/20

Question: "To ask the Minister for Health if all swab data is now fed directly from Swiftqueue to the laboratory information system".

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.
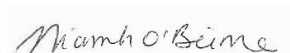
I wish to apologise for the delay in issuing a response to your above question.

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.

The Swiftqueue system is the referral system for Covid testing for GP's. It integrates with the Laboratory Information Management System. Swab data is transferred from Swiftqueue via an export/import mechanism on a scheduled basis into the Laboratory Information Systems in use by the community testing labs.

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,

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