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Deputy Peadar Tóibín,
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RE PQ 59979/21

Question

To ask the Minister for Health if any of the PPE, ventilators and equipment purchased from China was deemed unfit for use or was not used for a different reason; and the amount of unused equipment, PPE and ventilators which are still in storage. -Peadar Tóibín

Response

Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

In relation to the products supplied by our primary PPE supplier in China in March and April 2020, one product accounting for 4% of the total value of the first batch of PPE received from China, was classified on receipt for alternative use. This product was re-purposed for use in other Government Departments via our colleagues in the Office Government Procurement and the HSE was refunded for the value of the stock.

HSE is engaged in legal / dispute resolution processes with 2 suppliers in respect of 100 ventilators which were deemed unsuitable.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Head of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via ohop@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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