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Mr Éamon Ó Cuív TD
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ ref 62609/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the cost of developing the Covid-19 application that was made available to citizens; when it was first made publicly available; the use made of the application since its inception as a tool in contact tracing; if it is not being used for contact tracing now, when its use for same ceased; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

The cost of developing the Covid-19 application that was made available to citizens;

*The total spend to date is €1,531,939**

**To put this in context, the following are media reports of amounts spent elsewhere to April 2021*

- *Germany €20M + €3M per month*
- *Belgium €1M they used the German codebase*
- *UK £35M*
- *France no cost on build €200k-300k per month*
- *Norway €6M (45M Kroner)*
- *Denmark €2.6M*

When it was first made publicly available;

7th July 2020.



The use made of the application since its inception as a tool in contact tracing;

There is an efficacy report underway investigating this. This will be made publicly available once complete.

If it is not being used for contact tracing now, when its use for same ceased; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter;

The app continues to be used for contact tracing.

If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Fran Thompson' is positioned above a horizontal line.

Fran Thompson,
Interim Chief Information Officer, OoCIO, HSE.