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Deputy Duncan Smith TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House

Re: **PQ6392/21**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of members of the Dublin Fire Brigade that received their first jab for Covid-19 in the period 28 December to 1 February 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to the above PQ to the HSE and my response below refers,

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) commenced peer vaccinations on Thursday 7th January 2021 in the North Leinster region with a testing site located in the Phoenix Park Dublin. The Chief Fire Officer for Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) contacted the NAS Director in relation to the NAS assisting DFB personnel with vaccination and NAS facilitated same.

We can confirm that the NAS vaccinated 240 members of DFB on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th January 2021 and a further 12 vaccinated on 16th January 2021. However, due the unavailability of further vaccine supply to the NAS from the HSE further vaccinations had to be deferred on one occasion for NAS personnel and any other agencies and stakeholders that the NAS agreed to facilitate with the vaccinations.

As you are aware there was a lack of vaccine supply nationally and as such the vaccinations for NAS staff and other state bodies were deferred. We can confirm that as of today (18th February 2021) all the remaining personnel, that wished to receive the vaccine, from the NAS and other state bodies have been vaccinated and some have received their 2nd doses of vaccine in line with the NIAC guidelines.

I trust this information is of assistance to and should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Dunne, Director
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