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## RE PQ 8269/21

### Question

To ask the Minister for Health the level of logistical and transport expertise his Department will engage with to ensure a prompt and well managed Covid-19 vaccine roll-out is guaranteed when vaccine supplies increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Verona Murphy

### Response

Deputy Murphy,

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.

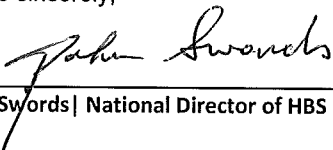
The logistics and distribution of vaccines is provided by the National Cold Chain Service through a contracted 3rd party provider.

This service provider has provided the National Cold Chain Service with logistics and distribution expertise since 2007. It is mature and highly sophisticated with high levels of infrastructure and technology, including established cold rooms, dedicated fleet (dual compartments, GPS monitoring, remote temperature monitoring and redundancy on the cooling systems on the vehicle, route planning) and pharmaceutical supply chain competence.

HSE has its own internal supply chain and logistics expertise available which is assigned to the vaccination programme. Additional expertise has been engaged to support the logistics and distribution elements of the vaccination programme including supply chain consultants and logistics/military planning experts from within Defence Forces.

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](mailto:ohop@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely,



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