



**26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

Deputy Sorca Clarke  
Kildare Street,  
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Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 9418/21**

PQ 9418/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health the role the Defence Forces will have in the set up, running and maintenance of the 37 announced Covid-19 vaccination centres.”

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position

The set-up and construction of the 37 vaccination clinics at various locations across the country to administer COVID-19 vaccines were set-up by specialist contractors with local support from HSE Estates.

The Defence Forces have, however, kindly committed to the provision of nine support teams to each of the nine vaccination clinics listed below:

- City West, Dublin,
- WIT Waterford,
- City Hall Cork,
- Pairc Ui Chaoimh,
- Radisson Ennis Rd. Limerick,
- Galway Race Course,
- Sligo IT,
- Athlone IT, and
- The Helix, Dublin.

The support teams provided by the Defence Forces will consist of a Command Element, a Logs Support Element and a Pharmacy Support Element. The Command Element will liaise with the Site Operational Lead at the vaccination clinic to help with its efficient operation. The other two support teams will work with the storage and distribution of consumable items on-site as well as the distribution of the vaccines to all of the vaccination booths. On a daily basis it is intended that the Defence Forces will have at least six personnel deployed at each of the nine vaccination clinics.

Yours sincerely,

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