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**RE PQ 2298/21**

**Question**

To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE secured sufficient supply of liquid oxygen and bottled oxygen to ensure that hospitals continue to have adequate reserves of same to cover increases in long-term ventilated patients gas requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

**Response**

Deputy Shanahan,

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.

I am pleased to advise that the HSE secured sufficient supply and contingency stock of liquid oxygen and bottled oxygen to ensure that hospitals continue to have adequate reserves of same to cover increases in long-term ventilated patient's gas requirements.

In that regard I am pleased to share a copy of the assurances provided by our main supplier of Medical Oxygen following recent media content regarding a perceived shortage in one hospital in Dublin, which emanated from a misinterpreted internal document at the hospital (Medical Oxygen Situation Report attached).

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,

