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**RE PQ 14254/21**

### **Question**

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of the contracts entered into for the purchase of PPE and medical equipment purchased as part of the Covid-19 response in 2020; the amount spent; the contracting companies that the HSE bought the PPE through; if any of this PPE was unused; if so, if it is currently in storage; the amount being spent on storage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Gino Kenny

### **Response**

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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 total value of orders raised for PPE in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 was €915m. All products received were reviewed against quality standards as specified by World Health Organisation and all purchases are subject to HSE standard terms and conditions. As in normal purchasing arrangements, if quality issues are identified, then the HSE engages with the Supplier to agree a solution, e.g take back unacceptable goods and refund HSE or supply HSE with a suitable alternative subject to prior QA approval. As an additional measure the HSE is continuing with a policy of offering to other public bodies any PPE product which has been identified as suitable for alternative use.

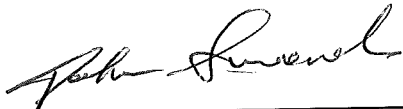
The HSE is pursuing a policy of holding a minimum of 12 weeks contingency stock in addition to sufficient stock to meet weekly demand from healthcare facilities nationwide. In this regard the has entered into a number of short-term arrangements with third party logistics providers for the storage and management of the national PPE stock at a cost in 2020 of approx. €8m. A tender strategy has

been finalised and it is intended to tender for the medium term storage requirements in the next few weeks.

Please find attached spreadsheets which indicate the value and contract details of this PPE and Ventilators information.

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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