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Ms. Holly Cairns TD  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
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Re: PQ ref 16968/21

***“To ask the Minister for Health the status of the data breach involving those registered for vaccination; the extent of the breach; the means by which persons impacted have been informed; the mitigation measures put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”***

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The HSE takes security of the CoVax system very seriously and we have been working with IBM & Salesforce to ensure that we fully comply with best practice and industry standards. While the investigation is ongoing into the potential data breach, we haven't reached a conclusion yet.

We are making progress and ensure the Deputy that the potential breach, was not wide spread and was limited in nature. The Data Protection Commissioner has been kept up to date with the status of the investigation.

If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Fran Thompson', positioned above a horizontal line.

Fran Thompson,  
Interim Chief Information Officer, OoCIO, HSE.