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Ms. Catherine Murphy TD Dáil Eireann Leinster House Dublin 2

Re: PQ Ref no. 21237/22

"To ask the Minister for Health if a piece of surveillance technology (details supplied) is being used by his Department or any agencies under his remit in view of the fact that there are security and privacy concerns associated with the use of same; the data protection policies on the use of artificial intelligence with respect to instances in which this technology is being used; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Details Supplied: Hikvsion and/or Dahua CCTV cameras equipped with facial recognition technology.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

Thank you for your above correspondence which has been referred to my office for response.

Within the HSE, Hikvsion and/or Dahua CCTV cameras equipped with facial recognition technology are not used in the organisation.

If you are aware of any instances where this technology has been utilised, if you can make me aware of the same, I will review immediately & take the appropriate actions.

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

Yours sincerely,

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