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RE PQ 2148/22

Question

To ask the Minister for Health the number of existing contracts for procurement of medical and respirator N95, FFP2 and similar grade facemasks; the number of facemasks drawn down in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number for future drawdown which has been agreed; the forecast of future supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Response

Deputy Cullinane,

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 HSE issued 17.2m FFP2 masks for use by healthcare workers in facilities nationwide. Weekly issues of FFP2 masks have increased to circa 2.5m per week since implementation of revised WHO and AMRIC guidance in late December 2021, which recommended that FFP2 masks are worn by healthcare workers in all settings where they are caring for patients and also offered to patients in multi-bed or open areas who are able to wear them. To meet this demand HSE has negotiated contracts for an additional 28m masks with its 4 main suppliers in accordance with EU Public Procurement procedures which will meet estimated demand until April 2022.

HSE has also established a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Supply of PPE in January 2022 and intends to conduct a mini competition under the DPS to put in place contracts with up to 4 suppliers for the provision of FFP2 Masks to the HSE in the period April 2022 to June 2022. The HSE continues to monitor weekly demand for FFP2 masks to ensure that stock is not exhausted.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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