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Mr. Alan Kelly TD
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Re: PQ re 2238/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if HSE computer systems, devices or servers were compromised due to a vulnerability (details supplied); if so, the number of devices and servers impacted; if personal data was hacked; if online services or other services stopped working due to this issue; if the issue impacted the vaccination programme or the Covid-19 PCR booking and testing system; if data was compromised; if the issues have been fully resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” (Log4j vulnerability)

Dear Deputy Kelly,

At this stage, there has been no HSE computer systems, devices or servers that have been compromised due to the log4j vulnerability; therefore no data was compromised. In response to the alert on the 10th of December, the HSE undertook a rapid assessment of its solutions and with vendor support decided that a very limited number of services were shut down as a precautionary measure. Once mitigations were put in place over an approx. 24 hour period there was a resumption of these services.

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

Yours sincerely,

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