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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
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**PQ 53645/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress that has been made to date on the investigation into allegations made by a whistleblower in April 2020 as a protected disclosure, regarding the care of patients during Covid-19 at a hospital (details supplied); the date this report will be published; the cost of the investigation to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Fergus O'Dowd**

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Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 response.

The report of the investigation into this protected disclosure is currently under my consideration as the commissioner. This is the usual process when a report is received. I am now taking due time to consider all relative matters to ensure learning and improvement where required. The total cost of the investigation will be captured once finalised. The process will be completed as expeditiously as possible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne O'Neill  
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