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Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 10733/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the amount being spent per month on maintaining the Covid tracker app and how many people log-in daily, how many close contacts have been contacted as a result of engagement with app on average monthly since inception of the app; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,

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

Contact tracing is no longer active; the primary use of the app is for carrying the EU Digital COVID Certificate, the app was maintained in a state of readiness. Below are costs and metrics

Monthly support & maintenance: €18,000

Using a US Dollars to Euro conversion rate of €1.06, please see below AWS Costs.

AWS Costs:

Nov 2022: €7452.31

Dec 2022: €7434.53

Jan 23: €7188.67

Digital COVID Certificate Presentations

Dec 2022 - 152,012

Jan 2023 - 150,666

Feb 2023 - 87,455

Check-ins

Dec 2022 - 874,542 (avg per day - 28211.03)

Jan 2023 - 842,813 (avg per day - 27187.52)

Feb 2023 - 691,029 (avg per day - 24679.61)



In order to maintain readiness, the Covid Tracker App Oversight Group which consists of the HSE, Department of Health and Industry and Academia had recommended for the Covid Tracker app not be fully closed down.

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 that reads "Fran Thompson".

Fran Thompson,
Chief Information Officer, eHealth, HSE.