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## RE PQ 18501/22

### Question

To ask the Minister for Health the total amount which the State spent on personal protection equipment during the pandemic which either never arrived or was not fit for use when it arrived; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

### Response

Deputy Peadar Tóibín,

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.

No stock remains to be delivered from any PPE purchase orders placed during 2020 and 2021, other than a balance on the purchase order for Virapro Hand Sanitiser, with a hold put in place by the HSE on further deliveries in October 2020 when this product was removed from the Biocidal Register by the Dept of Agriculture Food & Marine. There is also a small balance on an order for Isolation Gowns with an Irish based manufacturer, which will be fully delivered by early May.

In relation to the suitability of the products supplied, one product accounting for 4% of the total value of the first batch of PPE received from the HSE's primary supplier in China was classified on receipt for alternative use. This product was re-purposed for use in other Government Departments via our colleagues in the Office Government Procurement and the HSE was refunded for the value of the stock. In line with HSE policy, any quality issues that emerge from other suppliers continue to be resolved as they occur in conjunction with the relevant supplier and regulatory authorities where applicable

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](mailto:ohop@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely,

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