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13 Senator K.L. Moore of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding an audit of personal protective equipment (P.P.E.): (OQ.98/2020)

Has any audit of personal protective equipment been carried out within the last 6 months and, if so, what were the results?

The Deputy of St. Ouen (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

Having made enquiries within my Department, I am not aware of any audit of P.P.E. equipment being carried out in the last 6 months.

3.13.1 Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin:

Can I ask the Minister if an audit had been done, do you think it would have identified a shortage of disposable fluid resistant gowns?

The Deputy of St. Ouen:

An audit not having been done, we cannot know the answer to the question asked by the Deputy and it depends on the timescale that he is looking at. Obviously, before COVID-19 was identified we would probably have held the stock we normally hold. Once the pandemic is identified there is a greater need for all sorts of P.P.E. stock.

3.13.2 Senator K.L. Moore:

Forgive me for not giving the precise date but the Minister did, at a press conference, propose that he would conduct an audit of P.P.E. at this time so that he could assure himself and reassure the public that adequate stocks of P.P.E. were available and the appropriate orders could be placed. Why has the Minister not done this?

The Deputy of St. Ouen:

This is happening, as I hope Members will know. The new procedures that have been put in place are there now to meet the needs of all Island organisations who have a need for P.P.E. and that is being co-ordinated centrally and we have a good visibility on what stock levels we have on a daily basis, what orders are coming in and what orders are expected.