

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020**

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 219/2020, will the Minister provide an update on any progress made in respect of air pollution monitoring; will he state whether the project to install Island-wide monitoring remains at a halt due to the Government's response to Covid-19 and, if not, when the project will have been completed to allow for real-time air pollution monitoring to take place?

Answer

In terms of installation of additional and replacement monitoring equipment the programme remains at a halt due to the Government's response to Covid-19. However work has continued with development of newer versions of the equipment. For example later models will have a more robust enclosure, better to handle the sometimes harsh environment near the coast. Work with the machine learning software also continues to improve the accuracy of those monitors already installed. The project is pushing boundaries in many areas, and as such will be continually improving. I am keen to recommence the installation of monitors as soon as circumstances allow. The nature of the "mesh" is that accuracy is increased as more monitors are added. It should be noted that our existing monitoring programme continues to run in parallel to ensure our data is maintained.