



Our Ref: PQ No: 70255/25

18 December 2025

Ms Emer Currie T.D.
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Dear Emer,

I refer to Parliamentary Question Ref No: 70255/25 for answer on 9 December 2025 where I indicated that additional time would be needed to obtain the requested information, which is set out below.

“To ask the Minister for Enterprise; Tourism and Employment if a review of the Covid products scheme was carried out; the amount of aid drawn down by companies; the number of companies that drew down aid; the amount of the budget that remained unspent; and if his Department has developed any learnings from the scheme.”

The COVID-19 Products Scheme was developed jointly by IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland under the European Commission Temporary Framework that allowed additional aid to be granted by EU Member States to companies which were developing or producing medicinal products and equipment used in the fight against COVID-19.

The Internal Audit Unit of my Department examined my Department’s response to COVID-19 across key operational Business Units and its Offices in the period March 2020 to the end of 2021 with a view to identifying learnings and potential areas of improvement for the future.

It found that the Department worked collectively with its Offices, Agencies and other Government Bodies to achieve maximum impact - the suite of supports to help businesses

impacted by COVID-19 helped to minimise the extent of the economic damage caused by the pandemic. This report is available at the following link: [Review of DETE Response to COVID-19 - DETE](#)

The table below outlines the number of companies that availed themselves of the COVID-19 Products Scheme and the grants paid insofar as the *IDA* is concerned.

Year	Budget Drawn Down €m	Grants Paid €m	Number of Companies
2020	2.0	1.341	1
2021	3.0	3.494	3
2022	8.5	10.642	6

The COVID-19 Products Scheme that was introduced by *Enterprise Ireland* in 2020 aimed to accelerate research, development, and the production of COVID-related products and strengthen Ireland's capacity to supply essential goods and services during the pandemic. The scheme supported Irish firms in pivoting operations to meet urgent healthcare needs and enhanced domestic supply chain resilience during the pandemic. This scheme was temporary and closed in 2021 and 15 companies received support from Enterprise Ireland totalling €14,903,873.33.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Burke T.D.

Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment