Deputy R.J. Ward of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding P.P.E. resources available to States and Parish nursing homes (OQ.124/2020)

I thank the Minister for an email sent at 10.03 a.m. to all Members that listed the P.P.E. equipmentⁱ so I will move straight on to my supplementary, which is simply does the Minister believe that the level of the equipment provided is adequate to fully protect our elderly population and workers?

The relevant nursing homes St Ewolds (Parish of St Helier), Maison St Brelade (St Brelade) and Sandybrook (Government of Jersey) have received over 160,000 items of PPE between 13 April and 6 May 2020:

PPE Cell - From 13 April to 6 May inclusive	Units Approved	Quantity per unit	Total pieces of PPE
3M PAPR Hood (must be used with appropriate PAPR equipment)	4	1	4
Aprons	157	200	31400
Cleaning wipes, e.g. Clinell (including dispenser)	64	1	64
Cleaning Wipes, e.g. Clinell (refill)	170	1	170
Desktop Dispenser (approx. 500ml)	153	1	153
FFP3 Mask - 3M Aura Unvalved 1863+ (or compatible)	46	20	920
FFP3 Mask - 3M Aura Valved 1873V+ or 9332+ (Compatible fit)	76	10	760
FFP3 Mask - Cardinal Health RFP3FV	2		
Gloves - Long Length - Large	1	100	100
Gloves - Long Length - Medium	1	100	100
Gloves - Long Length - Small	4	100	400
Gloves - Standard Length - Large	43	200	8600
Gloves - Standard Length - Medium	62	200	12400
Gloves - Standard Length - Small	39	200	7800
Goggles (reusable)	26	1	26
Gowns - Non-Sterile - X-Large (Box 60)	4	60	240
Gowns - Non-Sterile (Box 28/30)	8	30	240
Gowns - Sterile - (Box 28/30)	27	30	810
Gowns - Thumb-Loop (Box 50)	91	50	4550
Long Length - Large	14	100	140
Long Length - Medium	27	100	270
Long Length - Small	21	100	210
Personal Dispenser (60-100ml)	72	1	72
Standard Length - Large	109	200	21800
Standard Length - Medium	167	200	33400
Standard Length - Small	73	200	14600
Type IIR (Fluid Resistant) Surgical Masks	425	50	21250
Visors	162	1	1
Wall-Dispenser Refill (1200ml)	42	1	1
Wipes - Clinell (including dispenser)	22	1	1
Wipes - Clinell (refill)	32	1	1
Wipes - Large Bucket (Alcohol Free)	9	1	1
Wipes - Medipal 3 in 1	12	1	1

¹The Minister for Health and Social Services provided the following information:

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Grand Total	<u>2165</u>	<u>2262</u>	160485

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

The equipment provided has been in accordance with the guidelines for P.P.E. so it is adequate. I do assure the Deputy that if he wishes to raise any concerns we will look into them because the implication is that it may not be adequate. But moreover the care homes themselves have direct access to the P.P.E. sale, which I have spoken about previously, on a daily basis they can raise any concerns they might have with those who are providing and distributing the P.P.E. and there is a means of escalating concerns also. If it is the case there are concerns I would urge him or the homes themselves to communicate that.

Deputy R.J. Ward:

May I say there was not an implication it is inadequate; it was a genuine question, but I am encouraged by the Minister saying that, if homes, who would know best about this, want to raise that as an issue, then they can. I thank him for that.