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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett TD Dail Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2.

PQ21056/19: To ask the Minister for Health the cost of all vaccines; the vacancies included under the childhood vaccination programmes; the vaccines included under medical programmes; the cost of vaccines that require payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The above PQ has been sent to my office for direct response to you.

€40m per annum is spent on publicly procured vaccines used in all national programmes. Of this, 80% is used in childhood and schools programmes and remaining 20% used in seasonal influenza and other medically at risk cohorts.

Private or travel vaccines are not funded by the HSE.

GP's and other private medical providers as independent contracts set their own fees for private vaccine costs and administration charges.

I trust this information will be of benefit to you.

Yours sincerely,

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