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RE PQ 18514/21

Question

To ask the Minister for Health the number of syringes that have been procured to date; the timescales by which they have been delivered to date; the planned delivery of syringes over the next few months; and the dates on which they will arrive here. -Peadar Tóibín

Response

Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The vaccination programme requires a combination of syringes for reconstitution and administration depending on the nature of the specific vaccine. The HSE has procured a range of 1ml, 2ml and 3ml syringes and fixed needle/syringe combinations for use in the programme.

The total quantities of syringes and combined needle/syringes procured and delivered between December 2020 and end April 2021 is 17.1 million. Additional orders have been placed for 9.5 million due for delivery in the remainder of 2021.

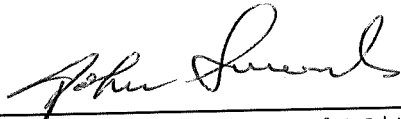
The quantities ordered take into account the following:

- the differing needle and syringe requirements of each vaccine;
- the estimated breakdown of vaccines to be delivered
- requirement to provide a booster dose in 2022

- any balance remaining following the conclusion of the vaccination programme may be diverted into HSE stocks for everyday activity

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Head of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via ohop@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,



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