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To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost to the State of treatments and monitoring for persons with type 1 diabetes; the current cost of finger prick meters, lancets and glucose strips; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
-David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 20254/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The annual cost of insulin, test strips and lancets under Community Drug Schemes was in the region of €90 million in 2020. Blood glucose testing monitors are deemed equipment which are not reimbursed under Community Drug Schemes.

Description	Total Cost
Lancets	€2,963,804.40
Test Strips	€49,178,969.34
Insulin Products	€38,190,911.57
Total	€90,333,685.31

Note: The total expenditure includes those patients with a diagnosis of type I and type II diabetes mellitus who are prescribed insulin and monitoring ancillaries to manage their condition.

Yours sincerely,

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