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PQ10052/21: To ask the Minister for Health the cost of administering the HPV vaccination programme in schools each year since 2015 by cost type, that is, administration, vaccine cost and so on; the average cost per person for those who availed of the vaccine; the estimated cost had there been 100% uptake; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The above PQ has been forwarded to my Department for direct response to you on same.

The table gives the annual funding which includes vaccine purchase, consent forms and information material for parents.

Academic Year	Programme	Cost of programme
2016/2017	1 st year Girls only programme (with option to catch up if previously refused)	2.52M
2017/2018	1 st year Girls only programme (with option to catch up if previously refused)	2.52M
2018/2019	1 st year Girls only programme (with option to catch up if previously refused)	2.52M
2019/2020	1 st year boys and girls only	2.33M
2020/2021	1 st year boys and girls only	2.33M

The HSE is unable to provide the unit cost for HPV vaccine purchase as this is commercially sensitive.

Staff administration costs have been absorbed in the core budget. This funding also includes administration costs of Men ACWY and Tdap vaccines (not vaccine costs) offered to all students in first year of second level school, as these vaccines are administered at the same time as the HPV vaccines and so costs cannot be separated.

I trust this clarification will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kelleher', with a horizontal line underneath.

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