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Deputy David Cullinane TD

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PQ 5794-21 (174) To ask the Minister for Health the projected shipments and deliveries of Covid-19 vaccines for each producer currently factored into timeline estimates on the provisional delivery schedule; the expected target numbers of roll-out per week, month and quarter to reach the provisional targets set for September 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

The supply line from vaccine manufacturers is extremely dynamic and constantly subject to change. Vaccine rollout plans must be flexible to accommodate unforeseen events and to operate in what is an evolving situation internationally. We have committed volumes under the EU's Advanced Purchase Agreement but the schedule of delivery remains fluid.

While we can plan for different scenarios with regard to vaccine volumes and deliveries, we cannot provide certainty at this time. We remain engaged with the manufacturers to understand the exact delivery dates and quantities we will be receiving.

The HSE is delivering the vaccine programme in line with the provisional vaccine allocation groups and the key challenge is supply. The immediate focus is to ensure that group 1 and 2 are completed and vaccination commences in the coming week for group 3.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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