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Deputy Joe Flaherty
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PQ 11248/21: To ask the Minister for Health if provision will be made to allow children and others who missed the HPV vaccination to opt in for vaccination when the scheme returns to schools given that large numbers of young children have missed out on the HPV vaccination over the past year.

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

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

We are trying to manage both the pre-existing programme and the COVID vaccination programme. The existing programme in the schools had ceased as the schools were closed. That has allowed us to concentrate on the COVID programme. However with the re-opening of schools we will aim to start up the schools programme and continue into the Summer. This will allow for a catch-up both in the schools and the Summer holidays.

I trust this clarification will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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