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PQ 43131/21: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional cost for the school immunisation programme if those who did not get the HPV vaccine in their year of eligibility were to receive it during a subsequent school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 43127/21: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional cost of a 100% uptake each year of the HPV Vaccine.

PQ 43130/21: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional cost for the school immunisation programme if uptake was to be 100% each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

The additional costs would depend on whether this catch-up programme would be offered to only girls or both boys and girls, and up to which school year, as boys have only been eligible for the HPV vaccine in first year since Sept 2019.

HIQA are reviewing this issue currently and so the costing is expected to be part of this review.

The uptake in schools for HPV vaccine is at approximately 80% and the additional cost for those who have changed their mind, up to 100% uptake within the academic year could be achieved within budget.

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 long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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