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Dáil Éireann,
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PQ: 61497/22

To ask the Minister for Health the volume of packs of unlicensed medicines that are being brought into the market to alleviate medicine shortages; the estimated cost of these unlicensed medicines per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 61497/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Unfortunately this is not a query the Primary Care Reimbursement Service can answer. We deal with reimbursement for claims submitted by community pharmacy contractors and there is a published Reimbursement List. We would not be aware of the volume of unlicensed medicines entering the market.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service