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**PQ Number: 36484/22**

**Question: To ask the Minister for Health the stock of Covid-19 vaccines in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ Number: 36485-22**

**Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccines in Ireland that are nearing their expiration date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ Number: 36486-22**

**Question: To ask the Minister for Health the current demand for Covid-19 vaccines in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Farrell,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Questions which have been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

**PQ 36484/22** - The current stock of COVID-19 vaccine is 3.8m doses. This allows for contingency should any additional doses be required while also continuing with primary and booster vaccinations.

**PQ 36485/22** - COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers are continuously updating the stability data and extending the shelf-life. This is an ongoing process and is being monitored as a priority at EU level for all countries that participated in the EU Joint Procurement process for COVID-19 vaccines. If extension of the shelf life is not permitted, then 2% of current stock will expire in July and 5% in August. However, the shelf-life extension is expected to be approved.

**PQ 36486/22** - The current level of uptake as well as current demand across all elements of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme are set out below:

- **Primary Programme (eligible cohorts 5 years and over)** - The current total uptake across all eligible cohorts is 87%. The average weekly administration rate is ca. 1.5k per week (average over the last 4 weeks).
- **Booster 1 Programme (eligible cohorts 12 years and over)** - The current total uptake across all eligible cohorts is 82%. The average weekly Booster 1 administrations have been ca.7.7k over the last 4 weeks
- **Booster 2 Programme (eligible cohorts >65s and >12 Immunocompromised)** - The current total uptake across all eligible cohorts is 58.5%. The average weekly Booster 2 administrations have been ca. 24.3k over the last 4 weeks

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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