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Representation (RE PQ 38341/22)

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Re PQ 38341/22: To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the flu vaccine programme in 2021 and 2022 respectively; the number of doses that are expected to be provided in 2022; the number of doses ordered by the State; the estimated cost to provide the flu vaccine free to all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Duncan Smith,

Thank you for your Parliamentary question. I consulted with the National Immunisation Office (NIO), HSE who provided the following.

Cost of the Flu Programme 2021	€63m
Estimated Cost of the Flu Programme 2022 is estimated as it commences in Sept 2022	€70m
Expected number of Flu Vaccines ordered by the State in 2022 and will meet population demand	1.94 doses
Estimated cost to provide the flu vaccine free to all	The flu vaccine will be available for free to all those eligible to receive the vaccine as costed above

Please note seasonal influenza information, including Influenza epidemiology and vaccination uptake data from the most recent 2021/2022 season is available at <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/influenza/seasonalinfluenza/>.

I trust this answers your question. If you require any further information or clarification please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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