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Deputy Catherine Connolly,
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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the details of the financial cost of the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out in Ireland; the details of the indemnity given to pharmaceutical companies in respect of Covid-19 vaccines, including the estimated cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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

I understand that the Minister has responded to you regarding the query on indemnity given to pharmaceutical companies which is covered under the Purchase Agreements negotiated with vaccine suppliers by the European Commission and its negotiation team acting on behalf of member states.

In relation to the financial cost of the vaccination roll-out, the sanctioned overall cost level for the Vaccination Programme for 2022 is up to €557m. This includes the cost of all elements required to enable delivery of another successful Covid-19 Vaccination Programme e.g. vaccine supply, infrastructure, ICT, staffing etc.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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