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PQ 13435/22 Deputy Neale Richmond- To ask the Minister for Health the status of the introduction of Covid-19 anti-viral drugs to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Richmond,

Thank you for your representation.

The COVID-19 Therapeutics programme focused on two main novel COVID-19 therapeutics; a monoclonal antibody from GSK and an antiviral from Pfizer.

To date, more than 2,000 doses of the monoclonal have arrived from GSK, and another c. 2,000 doses are due later this year (dates to be confirmed). As of close of business on Thursday 10 March, 271 doses were administered to patients who were high-priority and tested positive for COVID-19.

The Department of Health is currently working to execute a contract with Pfizer which would see 14,000 doses of their oral antiviral delivered to Ireland. The delivery dates for this are yet to be confirmed, and the HSE will provide an update as soon as this therapeutic is available in Ireland.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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