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PQ 14907/22 Deputy Róisín Shortall- To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the number of antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments which have been ordered; the schedule for delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your representation.

There have been 4,032 doses of the monoclonal antibody Xevudy (sotrovimab) ordered to date and 2,016 have been delivered. Of these, as of the 23 March 2022, 503 doses had been administered to eligible patients. It is anticipated that the remaining deliveries will be received in Q2 2022.

An order has been placed for 14,000 doses of the antiviral drug Paxlovid (ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir) through a Bilateral Agreement. The HSE is engaging frequently with Pfizer to confirm the delivery timeframe. It is anticipated that the first delivery will be available in early Q2 2022. Additional supply will be procured through a Joint Procurement Agreement with the EU, where Ireland is planning to order a further 56,000 doses of antivirals later in the year.

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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