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PQ 25166/22: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to introduce a dedicated cancer pathway, especially for access to surgery.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

It is unclear if the question relates to a specific type(s) of cancer, or to all types of cancer diagnosed where surgery is the treatment determined.

Dedicated cancer pathways exist for a number of types of cancer through Symptomatic Breast Disease (SBD) and Rapid Access Clinics for Lung and Prostate. Pathways exist for access to surgery following diagnosis and treatment decisions for several additional types of cancer. Cancer surgery is prioritised in cancer centre hospitals. The costs for these investigation, diagnosis and treatment paths are covered within the health service budget.

Yours sincerely



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