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Deputy Mattie McGrath,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 26509/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of taxi or courier services that were hired in 2020 and 2021 by the HSE to transport abortion pills from a general practitioner to a person who opted to have an abortion since the introduction of telemedicine abortion service in Q1 2020; and the costings for these transport and courier services as budgeted for in 2020 and 2021.**

**-Mattie McGrath**

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Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The facility for remote consultation, as part of the model of care, with a patient seeking an abortion was introduced in early 2020. In this context, the HSE has not entered into any arrangements in relation to the transport of medication associated with abortion, nor is it aware of any such arrangements being put in place.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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