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**To ask the Minister for Health further to the announcement that 15,000 additional monkeypox vaccines have been secured, if he will outline the expected delivery schedule for the 5,000 doses due this year, with the remaining 10,000 doses due next year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

I refer to the above representation (rep) which you submitted to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

On 25<sup>th</sup> October the Minister announced the purchase of 15,000 additional monkeypox vaccines, with 5,000 to be delivered this year and the remaining 10,000 to be delivered next year.

This month the HSE took delivery of the 5,000 doses of monkeypox vaccine.

The HSE National Crisis Management Team is finalising a range of operational plans in advance of the commencement of the vaccine rollout utilising these additional doses including public and community engagement.

Based on current indications in relation to global supplies of vaccines, it is anticipated that the remaining delivery of 10,000 doses will occur in the first half of 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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