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Deputy Cairns,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 58455/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if the budget for medical aids and equipment for children is ring-fenced within each CHO budget; if he will provide figures on the breakdown of different types of aids/equipment, for example wheelchairs and walkers, provided by each CHO for the period between 1 January 2019 and 31 October 2022

- Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the above question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Please be aware that medical aids and equipment refers to literally thousands of different products and pieces of equipment that are provided by the HSE to hundreds of thousands of service users. These are managed within each CHO, where there are presently a number of different financial and information management systems in place. Therefore we cannot provide that data you require in the format you have requested however the overall spend over the requested time period is outlined in the table below.

The CHO's do not operate specific budgets for children or other age cohorts living within their area. Items are provided on the basis of assessed need and prioritisation, rather than inclusion within a specific demographic or medical condition grouping.

Spend on Aids & Appliances 2019 -2022					
	Euro				
CHO	2019*	2020	2021	ytd 2022**	Total
Total	106,000,113	99,226,935	116,634,843	101,495,401	423,357,292
Notes:					
* 2019 data is not available in CHO 3					
* ytd refers to end October 2022					
^^2022 data not available in CHO1					

I trust this information is of assistance to you.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Seán McArt'.

Seán McArt
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