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Deputy Verona Murphy  
Leinster House  
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**PQ 49112/22: To ask the Minister for Health the current budget for the dental treatment services scheme; the total budget for the scheme in 2018; the total budget for the scheme in 2013; the total budget for the scheme in 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE.

The information available is based on DTSS Total Expenditure for years 2008, 2013 and 2018 and to date in 2022 as outlined in the table below.

Year	DTSS Expenditure
2008	€65,364,364
2013	€69,782,332
2018	€58,680,201
Year to date 2022	€39,364,754

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

**Joseph Green**  
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations