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Question: To ask the Minister for Health if his Department records the number of Covid-19 vaccine doses procured by the Government which have expired without being used; and if so, the details of these expirations, broken down by vaccine type, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Bacik,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

As requested please see the below data on vaccines returned to the National Cold Chain Service for disposal:

	Jcoven Vials	Vaxzevria Vials	Comirnaty 12+ Vials	Comirnaty 5-11 Vials	Spikevax Vials	Nuvaxovid Vials
Month	5 doses/vial	10 doses/vial	6 doses/vial	10 doses/vial	10 doses/vial	10 doses/vial
Mar-21			22			
Apr-21						
May-21			11			
Jun-21			51			
Jul-21						
Aug-21	821	939	304		77	
Sep-21	897	985	755		60	
Oct-21	21	34	716		19	
Nov-21	27	81	510		2	
Dec-21	39	159	872	10	8	



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Jan-22	8	21	1955	0	126	
Feb-22	17	14	7032	0	854	
Mar-22	9	2	6090	10	376	
Apr-22	2	0	2294	191	72	
May-22	12	0	1479	3	72	
Jun-22	3	0	3857	27	1447	
Jul-22	8	1	1446	29	243	
Aug-22	0	0	778	37	142	7
TOTAL	1864	2236	28172	307	3498	7

The distribution of vaccines to all vaccine administration sites is done on the basis of robust pharmaceutical inventory management principles, including FEFO (first expire/first out) to ensure that stock turn is maximised and the risk of expiry minimised to the greatest extent possible. Please note no vaccines held in central storage have been sent for destruction.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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