



Duncan Smith, T.D.  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

9<sup>th</sup> August 2023

PQ: 37098/23

**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of adding asthma to the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith**

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 37098/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see below the cost of Asthma products for the year 2022.

Year	Scheme	Ingredient Cost	Total Cost
2022	GMS	€68,627,989	€84,305,235
	DPS	€16,745,198	€20,402,734
	HT	€3,465,701	€4,262,810

Note:

- The information provided is based on claims data received by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) from Community Pharmacists and includes items reimbursed by PCRS only.
- The data does not capture items dispensed outside of community drug schemes where the prescription is paid for privately, nor does it include claims which are under the DPS monthly threshold amount.
- PCRS does not capture data in relation to diagnoses or indications for the medicines reimbursed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Suzanne Doyle  
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service