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Deputy Troy,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 28156/23 – To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the scheme whereby cancer patients can only avail of one wig per year.

-Robert Troy

Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 28156/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The provision of appliances and other items to eligible service users is fundamentally based upon a recognised need and a clinical assessment by a health care professional.

Community Primary Care is presently reviewing the procedure for the provision of wigs/hairpieces for service users who have experienced hair loss secondary to treatment for cancer. The objective of this review is to introduce a national evidence based standard, review procedures, and equity for people no matter where they reside in the country. The development of these new procedures for the provision of Wigs/Hairpieces are at an advanced stage and the expectation is that they will be completed by Quarter 4 2023.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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