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Our Ref: EH/Communications

**PQ 15591/23: To ask the Minister for Health the total annual spend on CervicalCheck in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the Parliamentary Question above.

### About CervicalCheck

Cervical screening is free to all women and people with a cervix aged 25 to 65 who live in Ireland. You do not need to wait for an invitation to book a test. Women can check the register at [hse.ie/cervicalcheck](https://hse.ie/cervicalcheck) and book a test when it is due.

- If you're between 25 and 29 years of age, you will usually have a cervical screening test every three years.
- If you're between 30 and 65 years of age, you will usually have a cervical screening test every five years.

### CervicalCheck: annual spending figures

The total annual spend by CervicalCheck in each of the past five years is shown in the table below.

CervicalCheck	Total annual spend €'m
2018	34.467
2019	47.583
2020	50.185
2021	57.137
2022	53.019

### Cervical cancer elimination

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that this year the NSS has joined forces with the National Cancer Control Programme and National Immunisation Office to launch Ireland's roadmap to eliminate cervical cancer.

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[Ireland's roadmap](#) shows the strides made so far towards this global goal, and signposts the future direction we will take, breaking this ambitious journey into achievable stages. The global goals have been developed by the World Health Organization and set key targets that all countries are asked to strive towards in HPV vaccination, cervical screening and early treatment. Ireland is one of the first countries to commit to cervical cancer elimination.

You can read more about cervical cancer elimination on [screeningservice.ie](https://screeningservice.ie), or by clicking [here](#).

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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