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Deputy Frankie Feighan TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 48918 23: *To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated for the provision of the primary childhood immunisation programme in the years ranging from 2018-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Feighan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Please see **Appendix 1 Table 1** below which sets out the cost of vaccines purchased for Primary Childhood Immunisation for the years 2018 to 2022. The information was provided by the National Immunisation Office who further advised that the drop in costs for vaccine purchased reflects the drop in birth cohort at the same rate. In determining the purchases for 2023 and 2024 the birth cohort of 2022 is used and therefore the estimated expected expenditure for the years 2023 and 2024 is €24m annually.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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Table 1

Cost of vaccines purchased	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Primary Childhood	€30m	€28m	€24m	€24m	€24m

Source: HSE National Immunisation Office