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Deputy Whitmore,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 39334/23 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide a schedule of financial support for cancer patients on a CHO basis, including the amount available for wigs, underwear, etc.; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Jennifer Whitmore**

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Dear Deputy Whitmore,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 39334/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

While the health service offers a wide range of therapeutic and ancillary services, medical devices, equipment, and supports for daily living for eligible service users, including those who have a primary diagnosis of 'cancer', it does not offer financial support to service users.

The services and medical equipment available to eligible service users are multiple and varied and are provided following an assessment of clinical need. Different cancers and their treatment impact individuals in a variety of different ways and, as such, we usually provide our services based on these needs rather than basing them on the diagnosis of a particular condition.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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