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To ask the Minister for Health the cost in introducing funding for the distribution of 50,000 SHAG (Sexual health and Guidance) packs; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Farrell,

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

Thank you for making the following clarification:

To clarify, the figure we are trying to get at is the cost of including condoms and lube in 50,000 SHAG packs.

Please note that the costs provided are the costs that the HSE would have to pay for this order with our current supplier. As you are aware, we run the National Condom Distribution Service and order a large number of condoms every year, so are in receipt of discounts due to bulk ordering. The cost for 50,000 condoms and 50,000 lubricant is set out in the table below and is VAT inclusive:

Product	Quantity	Amount
Condoms	50,000	€2,270.0
Lubricant	50,000	€2,460.00
		€4,730.00

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Orla McGowan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Orla McGowan

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