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**Deputy Carol Nolan  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2**

**PQ 10286/24: To ask the Minister for Health the spend on the DTSS for the years 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE. The DTSS is a “choice of dentist” scheme which does not require the patient to register with a particular dentist and enables medical card holders to attend any DTSS contractor directly without recourse to the HSE.

The value of claims reimbursed on the DTSS for each year from 2012 to date inclusive is detailed in the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Value of claims reimbursed</b>
<b>2012</b>	€62,717,122
<b>2013</b>	€69,749,991
<b>2014</b>	€69,782,332
<b>2015</b>	€66,505,516
<b>2016</b>	€64,393,261
<b>2017</b>	€63,369,808
<b>2018</b>	€58,680,201
<b>2019</b>	€56,075,566
<b>2020</b>	€40,549,163
<b>2021</b>	€39,595,484
<b>2022</b>	€49,437,639
<b>2023</b>	€64,792,282
<b>Feb 2024</b>	€10,636,073



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I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr Anne O'Neill".

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**Anne O'Neill**  
**Assistant National Director, Oral Health**