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Deputy Duncan Smith TD,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re PQ 24254 24: *To ask the Minister for Health the HSE expenditure on vaccines, excluding Covid-19 vaccines, for each of the years 2019 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 for the vaccine purchase costs (excluding Covid-19) incurred by the HSE for the years 2019 to 2023. The data for 2023 is draft only and is subject to change within the year end audit process.

The Public Health Protection Service provides vaccines for all national immunisation programmes, as per Department of Health policy, including:

- National Childhood Immunisation Programme - 6in1, Rotavirus, Men B, Men C, PCV, Hib/Men C and MMR
- National Schools Programme - both primary (4in1 and MMR boosters) and 1st Year (HPV, Tdap and MenACWY)

The National Flu Programme covers all over 65s and medically at risk (over 6 months and under 65) for 2018 onwards. The LAIV flu vaccine for children 2 years to 17 years was introduced in 2021 and continued in 2022, 2023. The Pneumococcal Vaccine (PPV 23) is provided for over 65 years and those in certain risk groups.

Vaccines for outbreaks and those with certain risk conditions are also provided when required.

In addition the Acute Hospitals Drug Management Programme (AHDMP) have advised that they have identified vaccines dispensed by hospitals that are not dispensed via the National Cold Chain Service (NCCS); Typhoid vaccine, Cholera vaccine, Zoster vaccine, typhoid & hepatitis A combination vaccine and yellow fever vaccine. The average annual HSE spend on these vaccines is in the region of approximately €6,000 in total 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

HSE Public Health Protection - vaccine purchase costs for the years 2019 to 2023	
Year	€m
* 2023	55.862
2022	60.324
2021	75.986
2020	55.044
2019	42.403

Source: HSE Consolidated Finance Intelligence system (CFI)

** 2023 figure is draft only*