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**To ask the Minister for Health if she will streamline HSE reimbursement processes and reduce administrative burdens to provide for a nationwide programme for safe and appropriate medicine disposal. -John Lahart**

Dear Deputy Lahart,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 5998/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE have never organised a national 'Disposal of Unused Medicines Properly' (DUMP) campaign. As with any proposal to increase HSE expenditure, it would have to be carefully considered and scoped appropriately. The HSE would anticipate that in any discussion with the community pharmacy representative body (Irish Pharmacy Union) in relation to a new pharmacy contractor agreement, for a nationwide approach to better medication management, it would include appropriate disposal arrangements for unused medicines.

Yours sincerely,

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