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PQ 34377/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the total budget for the school dental scheme in 2024 and, separately, in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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.

I wish to advise the Deputy the data is not available as requested. The table below provides the budget for the Public Dental Service for 2024 and 2025. The budget for the HSE Community Dental Service is not held separately for the children and special care services. The budget includes cost associated with providing an emergency service as well as costs to provide a limited range of services to adults (special care and/or emergency access to DTSS in some geographical areas).

Full Year Dental Budget Summary	2024 €'000	2025 €'000
Budget Pubic Dental Service	65.322	67.520

The HSE's 2025 National Service Plan aims to continue to develop services and implement waiting list initiatives across a range of dental and orthodontic services and maximise activity across these services to manage waiting lists and waiting times. The service plan supports the implementation of the Government's National Oral Health Policy, Smile Agus Sláinte, including the development of comprehensive oral healthcare packages for roll-out to children aged from birth to seven years of age.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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Assistant National Director, Oral Health