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**PQ 31926/16**

\* To ask the Minister for Health the full annual cost of running the methadone treatment programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Curran,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

Figures on the cost of methadone treatment via a clinic setting are not readily available as currently this cost is absorbed within the overall Addiction services area budget. However the full year spend in 2015 and 2016 allocation for Methadone Prescribing GMS Doctors and Pharmacies who dispense Methadone under the methadone programme is set out in the below table:

	2015	2016
Doctors Methadone:	€ 7,545,016	€ 7,536,000
Pharmacy Methadone	€ 13,111,090	13,097,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€20,656,106</b>	<b>€20,633,000</b>

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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