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PQ2880/21 (26) To ask the Minister for Health if arrangements are in place to extract the maximum safe dosages from each vial of a vaccine (details supplied) given that it now appears five rather than four doses can be obtained; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lawless

Thank you for your representation. The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) last week advised the Department of Health (DoH), regarding the ability to use a seventh dose from a vial of Comirnaty® Pfizer/ BioNTech vaccine.

The HSE issued correspondence to this effect last week in relation to the implementation of a 7th dose from a vial where possible and to take effect immediately.

All guidance documents and training from the National Immunisation Office are being updated as to reflect this change,

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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