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To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the pilot festival drug monitoring scheme at a music festival (details supplied) in 2022.

Dear Deputy Gould,

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:

The attached table provides a breakdown of the costs associated with the first pilot 'Back of house' drug monitoring programme in 2022. The portable analytical machine, the Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), is a machine with a once off cost that will be used on an ongoing basis at all of our drug checking events in the future.

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

Yours sincerely,

Prof Eamon Keenan
National Clinical Lead - Addiction Services



Costs of First Pilot 'Back of house' Drug Monitoring Programme at Electric Picnic 2022

Resource	Cost
4 metal surrender bins designed and delivered to be bolted in ground	€2,837.50
Portable analytical machine (FT-IR)	€43,416.54
Media launch event	€4,034.40 - organisation and venue hire €738 - professional photos
Harm reduction videos for event	€500
Printing of large A0 posters for event and resources	€6,235
Materials for public: tote bags	€2,388.73
Volunteer vouchers	€2,000