

(Supplementary Order Paper)

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DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 11 Samhain, 2008
Tuesday, 11th November, 2008

2.30 p.m.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Fógra i dtaobh leasú ar Thairscint : Notice of Amendment to Motion

40. “ That Dáil Éireann:

noting:

- the findings of the Health Information and Quality Authority whereby the introduction of the HPV cervical cancer vaccination programme could see a 34 per cent reduction in pre-cancers, a 56 per cent reduction in cervical cancer and a 56 per cent reduction in deaths from cervical cancer;
- that the total cost of introducing the vaccine is estimated to be €9.7 million according to the Health Information and Quality Authority;
- that the direct savings in treatment costs due to the disease being avoided is more than €2.7million per annum according to the Health Information and Quality Authority, excluding broader savings;
- the breakthrough nature of this medical advance; and
- that the total health budget is more than €16,000 million this year;

condemns the decision of the Minister for Health and Children to abandon this programme as short-sighted and unjustifiable, and calls on the Minister for Health and Children to immediately reverse her decision.” — *James Reilly, Enda Kenny, Bernard Allen, James Bannon, Seán Barrett, Pat Breen, Richard Bruton, Ulick Burke, Catherine Byrne, Joe Carey, Deirdre Clune, Paul Connaughton, Noel J. Coonan, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, Michael Creed, Lucinda Creighton, Michael D'Arcy, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Andrew Doyle, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Frank Feighan, Charles Flanagan, Terence Flanagan, Brian Hayes, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Joe McHugh, Olivia Mitchell, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Kieran O'Donnell, Fergus O'Dowd, Jim O'Keeffe, John O'Mahony, John Perry, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.*

Leasú:

Amendment:

1. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” and substitute the following:

P.T.O.

- “ — reiterates its support for the comprehensive work by the Government to bring cancer care, treatment and survival to the best international standards and to offer every person in Ireland equal access to the best possible cancer care in eight designated centres;
- welcomes the additional €15 million in 2009 allocated for this programme of work under the leadership of Professor Tom Keane of the Health Service Executive;
- supports the Government’s introduction already this year of the first comprehensive, free national cervical screening programme for all women between the ages of 25 and 60, at a full year cost of €35 million, which is an immediate step towards reducing deaths from cervical cancer by over 80%;
- welcomes the fact that approximately 100,000 women will have been screened by the end of the current year;
- supports keeping a HPV vaccination programme under active review in future funding decisions relating to overall cancer control priorities;
- recognises the need to prioritise the use of public resources in very challenging economic circumstances, including in relation to health services; and
- supports the Government’s prioritisation for existing services in the allocation of funding for health services in 2009.” — *An tAire Sláinte agus Leanaí.*