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PQ: 33956/24

To ask the Minister for Health the fees paid per patient to an optometrist under the community optometry scheme for each eye examination; the fees paid in 2008 and 2015; if he intends increasing the unit fee paid, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 33956/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see attached the results for PQ33956/24 for Eye Examination fees paid in 2008 and 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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Suzanne Doyle

**Primary Care Reimbursement Service** 

The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie

Examinations	2008 Fees	2015 Fees
Eye Examination Ophthalmic Optician	€23.35	€22.51
Eye Examination Ophthalmologist / Ophthalmic Medical Practioner	€26.50	€25.55
Medical Eye Examination by Ophthalmologist	€53.01	€51.11
Eye Examinations for Contact Lenses (Grant) ( <b>H)</b>	€70.98	€68.44
Eye Examination Ophthalmic (Dilation)	€46.70	€45.03

<sup>(</sup>H) Denotes fees payable on respect of services under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996 only.