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**PQ 49387/23\*To ask the Minister for Health to comment on the significant structural problems that were identified by HIQA in the Sycamore and Willow Unit within Cherry Orchard Hospital, in May 2023; to outline the extent of these structural problems and when they will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Due to the recent industrial action by management and administrative grade staff in Forsa union in the HSE, there were delays in the processing and answering of Parliamentary Questions. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

There are no 'significant structural' problems in the Sycamore and Willow buildings on the campus of Cherry Orchard Hospital. However problems has been experienced with cracking of the floor along the corridor. It is now proposed to carry out remedial works to address this problem. These works will also address a further sub floor compartmentation issue recently identified.

Yours sincerely

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**Brian O'Connell**  
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