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Mr Brendan Smith, TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

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PQ 55874/23\* To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in advancing a major building project at a healthcare facility (details supplied: the major building project at Cavan General Hospital including new emergency department, endoscopy unit and additional bed capacity); and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

The major capital project proposed for Cavan General Hospital involving the new A&E Department, Endoscopy Unit and in-patient beds has received planning permission and is currently in detailed design stage.

A revised proposal is currently being explored to include a further two floors of inpatient beds which will increase the number of beds being provided from 18 to 54. The first enabling contract is now complete which created a new carpark area on site and diverted a number of services to clear the site for the proposed development. A second enabling contract has been tendered to address the electrical infrastructure on the site to support future campus development.

Yours sincerely,

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