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Mr Matt Shanahan  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 47254 - To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that was allocated to allow University Hospital Waterford cater to the emergency patient streams that occurred because of the Wexford ED closure; if he will provide the quantum of funding provisioned; the status of this money as to whether paid over as of yet or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Shanahan

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that University Hospital Waterford has not received funding specific to the demand from the fire at Wexford General Hospital which resulted in the closure of their ED for approximately 5 months but we have been accruing the costs associated with UHW's response to same. We have been asked to submit costs to date and a forecast for the ongoing impact which has been included in the South East recovery plan to the fire in WGH which is currently under review through Acute Operations.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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