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“To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE became aware that construction work on the development of Ballyhaunis primary care centre was to come to a halt in 2021; the reasons cited for stopping works at that time; who communicated that information; how that information was relayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Ring

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 in Primary Care.

The Ballyhaunis project has been procured under the HSE Operational Lease model. Works remain at a standstill because the developer has confirmed that the original rates in the lease agreement are now not economically viable due to increased construction costs from materials and trades. The HSE has assessed this issue on a national basis and it will be proposed to withdraw the current agreement and re-advertise the development. Re-advertising will permit the developer to resubmit a tender at higher rates and progress the development; the developer has been made aware of this. Once this process is concluded and agreed, a programme for recommencement to completion will be confirmed.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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