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Mr. Alan Dillon T.D. Constituency Office New Antrim St Gorteendrunagh Castlebar Co. Mayo F23 VE00

RE: PQ 7868/24

"To ask the Minister for Health the nature of the communication that has been made with the developers of Ballyhaunis Pimary Care Centre; specifically the directives given to them regarding the necessity to restart construction activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Dillon,

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.

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 been assessing this issue on a national basis and all options are being explored including rate uplifts, withdrawing the current agreement and re-advertising of the development. Re-advertising would permit the developer to resubmit a tender for this site at higher rates; the developer has been made aware of this possibility. Once the above assessment 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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