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**Deputy Jim O'Callaghan,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ: 43306/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of opening (both capital and current) each of the six surgical hubs that are being progressed.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The HSE are currently progressing with the construction of six Surgical Hubs across the country with one being located in each Health Region. The first of these Surgical Hubs is due to commence operations as part of Phase 1 (minor ops) later this year with the remaining Hubs to open on a phased basis between 2025 and 2026.

These hubs will, where possible, use rapid build construction to allow them to be delivered as quickly as possible. As advised by the DoH, the estimated capital costs of the new surgical hubs will consist of a range of costs and this varies depending on whether they relate to acquisition and refurbishment of existing premises, green field or brown field development and fit out. Each Surgical Hub is a distinct and separate capital project. However, all projects are being managed through a coordinated national programme to ensure alignment, economies of scale and standardisation.

Each project will be delivered and managed in line with HSE's Capital Project Manual & Approvals Protocol and applicable procurement and regulatory requirements. The capital costs will consist of Construction costs, Design Team fees, survey costs, planning application fees and charges, equipment & ICT costs and other ancillary project costs. As many of the Hubs are at early stages of construction and are under contract, the construction costs are considered commercially sensitive.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

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