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Ruairí Ó Murchú  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
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**Re: PQ ref 1982/25** - To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the progress being made on the construction of a ten-bed extension to the Department of Psychiatry, Drogheda, County Louth; the timeline for the delivery of the extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú

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 Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Planning permission has been granted for a two storey extension which will include ten additional beds and ancillary works. It is intended that building works would commence in 2025 with a two year timeframe for completion. The design team is now due to commence working on the final aspects of the design. It is aimed that following a tendering process, building works can commence in Quarter 3 of 2025.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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