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Deputy Brian Stanley  
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***Re: PQ 46531/24 – “To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that the HSE store for disabled aids equipment in Mountmellick, County Laois is made safe and reopened; the current unacceptable situation where equipment cannot be accessed for the past three years needs to be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”***

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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 outline the position as follows.

Primary Care confirms that the Aids and Appliance store in Mountmellick is functioning and we are not aware of any issues with people getting equipment where they are eligible and prioritised.

If you wish to flag named persons/families who are having a difficulty accessing same, please provide and we will follow up.

For full disclosure, the Health and Safety Authority visited on 16/11/2023 and limited our access to a number of items which are currently being stored onsite and issues around this that have been able to be addressed thus far, have been. However, it must be emphasised again that any piece of essential equipment required to meet a client’s specific needs, can be ordered by clinical colleagues and we are not aware of any issues around access.

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

Yours sincerely,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Ruane', written in a cursive style.

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**Joseph Ruane**  
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