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Mr. Charles Flanagan T.D.,  
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*Re: Parliamentary Question 7443/08*

*To ask the Minister for Health and Children if it is expected that the new Alzheimer's unit at St Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick, which has been completed and ready for occupation will be opened; and if she will make a statement on the Matter.*

*- Charles Flanagan T.D.,*

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question, enquiring when the new Alzheimer's Unit in Mountmellick will be opened.

In response to this I wish to advise you that, an application for the additional resources required to open the new unit has been submitted for consideration. On receipt of a positive response to this application a programme to commence the opening of the unit will commence immediately.

In conjunction with this we await confirmation of funding and approval of application for same to engage the additional staff to commission the Unit.

Yours sincerely,

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