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PQ 18164/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the machinery and equipment being used for radiotherapy services in University Hospital Galway; the age of same; if when parts are breaking down, they are not replaceable due to their age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Stephen Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the representation referenced above, the following outlines the situation;

The Radiation Therapy Department opened in 2005 at University Hospital Galway and the treatment machines are now due for replacement. The plans for replacement are well underway and new treatment units will be installed as part of the new phase 2 build that is currently being progressed.

With regard to machine breakdown and availability of spare parts as referenced above, that is currently not an issue for this hospital. The vendor of our current treatment units has an end of life date of December 2020 on our units. This means that all parts are guaranteed until then and after that it will be on the basis of best endeavour to supply parts.

I trust the answers your query.

Yours sincerely

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