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**Re: PQ 51581/19 – Cost of having the cataract theatre at the RVEEH**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of having the cataract theatre at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital operational five days per week - Louise O'Reilly.”**

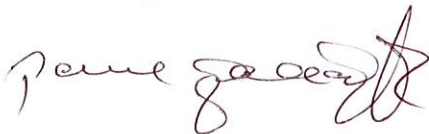
Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding the estimated full-year cost of having the cataract theatre at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital operational five days per week, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the cost of running the Cataract Theatre at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, based on 2,500 cataract procedures per year, is €1,500 per procedure. That would be €3.75m per year.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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