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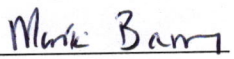
***PQ 52075/19 (Health)***

***To ask the Minister for Health when the first beds will have patients in them at the modular unit development at South Tipperary General Hospital; the number of beds which will be operational on that date; the sequence, date and number of beds by phase until the 40 bed unit is fully operational; the difficulties including recruitment that could see the 40 bed unit not fully operational by the end of February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jackie Cahill***

Dear Deputy Cahill,

“The 40 bed unit in South Tipperary General Hospital is almost completed and it is expected to be handed over to the hospital and HSE Estates within the coming weeks. Equipping and commissioning of the unit will be finalised and staff will need to be familiarised with the unit. The hospital will initially open 20 beds and we are working to recruit sufficient staff numbers to ensure the safe management of the patients in this ward. It is expected that the unit will be operational by the end of January 2020.”

Yours Sincerely

  
Ms. Maria Barry  
General Manager