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David Cullinane TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 12972 To ask the Minister for Health his plans to replace the mortuary at UHW; if a business case has been presented for same; the estimated cost; if it is a priority for UHW, the South/Southwest Hospital Group, his Department and the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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 the following outlines the position.

A proposal was submitted in 2015 for a new mortuary build at UHW, stage 1 and 2a preliminary scheme designs were completed. The Planning Application was lodged to the Local Authority in October 2015 and approval was granted to progress the project to detailed design stage (stage 2b-c) .

In 2016, the Planning Application and Disability Access Certificate (DAC) were received.

Currently, the up to date cost of the project is €5.6m. Detail design and pre tender cost checks have been completed. Approval is now required to commence contractor pre-qualification stage and to proceed to tender (stage 3).

The replacement of the existing Mortuary at University Hospital Waterford is a priority for the hospital and the SSWHG as the existing Mortuary is no longer fit for purpose.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

**Grace Rothwell,
General Manager,
University Hospital Waterford
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