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15th April 2019

Dr Michael Harty TD
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Re: PQ 13138/19

*** To ask the Minister for Health the commissioning plans and funding for the 60 bed modular unit at University Hospital Limerick; the length of time commissioning will take once construction is completed by mid-2020; the timeframe for admission of the first patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Harty**

Dear Dr Harty,

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.

The first phase of the project consists of an enabling works contract to prepare the site for the new building. These works commenced in March 2019.

The funding for the second phase (design and build) has been approved in recent days. It is anticipated that the design of the main works will commence in late May 2019 once contracts are signed and an agreed state date is in place. It is anticipated that the design and build phase will take 15 months to complete.

Once the building is handed over by the contractor, the equipping/commissioning of the unit should take a further two months to complete before the 60-bed block is ready to start admitting patients.

The total capital cost of this project is estimated to be €19.5 million. This is a significant project for the Midwest region that will begin to address the acknowledged shortfall in bed capacity and UL Hospitals Group will make every effort to ensure the project is delivered as soon as possible.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Colette Cowan'.

Prof Colette Cowan
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