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Dr Michael Harty TD  
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Re: PQ 41601/19

**\* To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider providing two modular surgical theatres for University Hospital, Ennis to allow it to expand its day care surgery capacity particularly ENT day care surgery; 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.

I have checked with the relevant staff and I have been informed that the HSE is currently reviewing ways of improving the operating theatre infrastructure for Ennis Hospital to allow it to expand its day care surgery including ENT.

Options include short-term measures to improve the existing infrastructure quality, including upgrading of ventilation systems. Longer term capital investment including a new theatre block and associated accommodation is also being examined and feasibility studies are underway. All new capital projects are subject to evaluation of needs and priorities in the context of the capital plan and availability of overall HSE Capital Funding.

I trust this clarifies the position, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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