



Mr. Mattie McGrath, TD,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2

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**PQ 10674/20 \* To ask the Minister for Health the nature of works being carried out at St. Michael's Hospital, Clonmel; the breakdown of works being carried out and works yet to be carried out; the costs of all works; the future intentions for the hospital in a post Covid-19 environment; if the hospital will be used to provide urgently needed mental health beds in south County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mattie McGrath**

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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.

South Tipperary General Hospital commissioned works at St. Michael's Unit, Clonmel in order to prepare and deliver additional capacity in response to the Covid19 Pandemic. In anticipation of any future surges, further consolidation works are being carried out in the unit to allow these additional beds operate in a more continuous manner. These works include increasing the number of en-suites and clinical hand-wash basins in patient spaces. It is estimated that these works will cost approx. €700,000 inc. VAT and will deliver 25-30 essential beds for South Tipperary General Hospital. Estates understand that the South/South West Hospital Group are responding to you separately with regard to mental health beds in South County Tipperary.

Yours sincerely,

**Jim Curran**  
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