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PQ 11026/20 * To ask the Minister for Health the details of the existing grant agreement between the State and St. Vincent's Healthcare Group under which the Nutley Wing was funded by the State; the other public healthcare facilities funded under the agreement; the amount expended on each facility; and if he will provide a copy of the agreements - Paul Murphy.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 Department of Health (DoH) granted capital monies to St Vincent's Healthcare Group to construct a clinical building in the early 2000's. In 2010 the development of the Nutley Wing in St. Vincent's was also funded by the State supported by a grant agreement entered into between the HSE and St. Vincent's Hospital Group. Capital funding of €28.35m was made available for the Nutley Wing.

At the time that the 2010 grant agreement was entered into, the hospital was in receipt of debt facilities from Bank of Ireland, secured against the Groups assets. In order to protect the investment made by the State, the HSE negotiated an arrangement with St. Vincent's Hospital Group and Bank of Ireland which would enable the HSE to acquire the Nutley Wing site and the clinical building referred to above, in certain circumstances. The central element of that arrangement is an option agreement, under which the HSE is entitled in the specified circumstances to purchase the Nutley Wing site and the clinical building for a price equal to the market value of the site as undeveloped land.

Since 2010 capital funding has been granted for the following - €0.47m for additional treatment cubicles in the Emergency Department, 0.89m for a Pet Scan, €0.39m for the upgrade to St Michael's Ward, €5m on minor capital and €10m on equipment replacement.

Yours sincerely,

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