



Mr. Paul Murphy, TD,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 4431/20 * To ask the Minister for Health if a binding unconditional contract between a health group (details supplied) and the State for the purchase of land was in existence prior to the advancement of funds amounting to €43 million for the construction of a car park and other facilities for the new maternity hospital on a site owned by the group; if so, when the sale will be closed on foot of the contract; and if no such contract has been agreed, the way in which his Department plans to retrieve the funds should the building of the new maternity hospital not go ahead on the site as planned - 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 HSE ensures that robust legal arrangements are put in place to protect the State's interests with respect to capital investment on voluntary hospital sites or those of other third parties where appropriate. The works underway on the St. Vincent's University Hospital Campus at present relating to the new National Maternity Hospital are being delivered under the existing grant agreement between the HSE and St Vincent's Healthcare Group, which has been used previously for the development of the Nutley Wing and other public healthcare facilities on this campus.

A comprehensive Legal Framework to protect the State's interest with regard to the substantive Maternity Hospital works is being finalised at present and is due to be completed shortly. This arrangement will build upon the existing mechanisms to protect the State's Interest on the SVUH Campus.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
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