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**Mr. Alan Kelly TD,  
No 1. Summerhill,  
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**RE: PQ 37591/0**

***To ask the Minister for Health the amount that will be allocated to open a respite centre (details supplied) in 2021; when the centre will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter***

St Gabriel's Respite House, Mungret, Co. Limerick.  
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**Dear Deputy Kelly**

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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that Minister Anne Rabbitte did visit St. Gabriel's Respite House on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 along with other local elected representatives. The Minister has stated that she would support St. Gabriel's application for funding and this would be a priority for her in Budget 2021. A Business Case has been submitted and is currently being consideration as part of the Operational Plan for 2021 in the context of available resources.

I must stress that whilst Minister Rabbitte is very supportive of the project, my understanding is that it will be a number of weeks before we know the outcome of the above process.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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