



Ms. Niamh Smyth, TD,  
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Leinster House,  
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**PQ 38294/20 \* To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for a facility at a hospital (details supplied); if his Department has received the said proposal; the status plans to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Niamh Smyth**

**PQ 38259/20 \* To ask the Minister for Health the status of the design team tasked with plans for a matter (details supplied); if the existing prefabs will be replaced with a permanent structure for a new waiting area; if there is a time frame for the delivery of the second resuscitation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Niamh Smyth**

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE are currently progressing the provision of a second resuscitation bay in the Emergency Department (ED) and also the provision of additional in-patient ward beds and endoscopy unit at Cavan General Hospital. The design of these projects were originally being progressed as two separate projects. Following receipt of initial proposals and consideration of these by the Hospital project team, a decision has been made to combine these two projects into a single phased proposal. The Design Team have been engaged and have provided an initial proposal which will form the basis for an application to proceed to the next stage.

All capital development proposals must progress through a number of approval stages, in line with the Public Spending Code, including detailed appraisal, planning, design and procurement before a firm timeline or funding requirement can be established. Approval must be received for each individual stage to ensure that the proposal delivers value for money and remains affordable, and that sufficient funding is available to fund the project to completion, including equipping and commissioning costs. The delivery of capital projects is a dynamic process and is subject to the successful completion of the various approval stages, which can impact on the timeline for delivery.

Yours sincerely,

**Jim Curran**  
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