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PQ 21810/20 * To ask the Minister for Health if he has reviewed the announced procurement schedule for contract award for the building of a new cath lab for University Hospital Waterford; the reason for the OGP review lasting four months in the process in view of the fact that project was announced in September 2018; the reason the design specification to tender announcement has taken over two years; the reason no new impetus has been delivered to the process that can deliver an advanced contract award; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Matt Shanahan

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

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 tender process for the new cath lab for University Hospital Waterford is being run in line with public procurement guidelines which the HSE must adhere to. The process is detailed below:

- It is a 2 stage process, whereby the main tender has to be returned and assessed prior to return of the reserved specialists tender (as the latter need to have the main contractors programme).
- We will require our design team to conclude a comprehensive tender review and assessment process to ensure the tenders we are receiving represent value for money and that tender returns are in line with HSE requirements.
- There is a period of time required prior to issue of the Letter of Intent (LoI) to clarify contract award queries.
- We will have to give the mandatory 2-week cooling off period post Letter of Intent (LoI) being issued to unsuccessful contractors prior to awarding the contract.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
National Director, Estates