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PQ 60905/21* To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the need for new operating theatres at Ennis General Hospital; the status of work to provide these new theatres; if he will provide the necessary resources to facilitate this much needed development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Joe Carey

Dear Deputy Carey,

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

The two existing theatres in Ennis General Hospital were compliant with the standards of that era; however there have been many changes in healthcare provision since the time of the original build, and in order to extend the opportunity of performing more complex surgeries and greater capacity for the patients of the Mid-West, it was determined a new theatre suite including sterile services would be required to meet modern day standards.

A proposal to construct two new replacement operating theatres at first floor level and a new CSSD at ground floor level was prepared by HSE Estates. The existing theatres would be linked to the new theatre suite and provide the recovery area, support and staff facilities and provides links to the main block. The capital submission received approval and permission to tender for a design team has granted. The procurement of the design team is currently underway and a design team will be appointed by the end of 2021 with a view to commencing the feasibility stage design in early 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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National Director,
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