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PQ 61238/21* To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that all acute hospitals, community hospitals, health centres and primary health care centres are fully wheelchair accessible. -Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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 has been compliant with accessibility requirements as set out in the Draft Building Regulations since the 1980s and subsequently with the Building Regulations, Part M (2000) and Part M (2010) of the Building Regulations in new buildings and refurbishment/upgrading works.

During that period, there has been a programme of addressing non-compliance and those buildings that have been identified as being non-compliant, have been upgraded. Priority has been given to those buildings being used by the public and those most intensively used in this process.

It is accepted that ensuring full compliance of all buildings within the estate is challenging given the age of a significant number of buildings and subject to the availability of funding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Curran', written over a horizontal line.

Jim Curran
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