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PQ 9237/21 * To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided for the construction of a purpose built ambulance base in Carlow to replace the temporary prefabricated structure that has been used for over 17 years and which falls well short of health and safety standards; if a site has been identified for the construction of the project; if the project is a priority on the capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -John McGuinness

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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.

Remedial works to the value of approx. €50,000 were carried out at Carlow ambulance base located in Carlow town at the Carlow Health Services Complex, Athy Rd, Carlow (St. Dymphna's Hospital). These works addressed work requirements to make the ambulance base fit for purpose.

National Ambulance Services (NAS) completed a detailed prioritisation assessment for all ambulance stations in the Southern Region and Carlow was deemed priority 10 of the 30 locations. NAS are currently working with HSE Estates and the St Dymphna's Campus Buildings Committee in planning a future replacement for the current facility. It is expected that a capital submission for this project will be prepared in 2021. Capital funding will follow in accordance with the overall prioritisation plan.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
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