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PQ 12504 21 To ask the Minister for Health the specific details of the elements of the installation of the two oxygen generators at University Hospital Galway that are still ongoing. -Mairéad Farrell

Dear Deputy Farrell

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

At present, the oxygen generators at UHG have been commissioned and tested offsite and are available for use. To enable the generators to supply oxygen into the hospital's oxygen distribution system, there is a small amount of site specific work required.

The outstanding elements relate to the requirements to facilitate final connection to the hospitals oxygen distribution system and include:

- Backup oxygen manifold & cylinders.
- Connection to the site's central monitoring and alarms system.

At this time, there is no immediate need to bring these oxygen generators into use, and, as such, the decision to progress these works is under review. In not connecting these oxygen generators at this time, the HSE is afforded the flexibility of deploying them elsewhere should the need arise.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

PP 
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