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Re. **PQ 12554/21: To ask the Minister for Health his plans to resume reconstructive surgery services for those receiving cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Hourigan

During the COVID-19 pandemic the benefit of surgery must be balanced against the risk of exposure to COVID-19 associated with the treatment. From the hospitals perspective, COVID-19 is an evolving situation and the current hospital COVID-19 update is that the situation is improving in the cancer centres. Breast reconstruction surgery following mastectomy remains a clinical decision between the clinical team and the patient. Breast reconstruction surgery is being offered to selected appropriate patients in the cancer centres.

Yours sincerely



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