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PQ 47635/21* To ask the Minister for Health if an update will be provided on the production of the first business case as required under the public spending code for the proposed new national maternity hospital; and when he expects to be in a position to submit this to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. -Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 preparation of the draft business case for the co-location of the National Maternity Hospital (NMH) at the St. Vincent's University Hospital campus at Elm Park is complete. The business case is now moving through the approval steps, in line with HSE procedures and the public spending code. Once approved by the HSE Board the draft business case will be formally submitted by the HSE, as the Sponsoring Agency, to the Department of Health, as the Approving Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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