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**PQ 43141 /21 To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of delivering the new 26 critical care beds in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Tallaght University Hospital and University Hospital Limerick; the cost per stage and across cost types for each project; the length of time each project will take to fully complete for each stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

In general terms and based on tenders received, Critical Care beds currently cost approximately €1.2 to €1.7m per bed. These costs are based on total project costs and are inclusive of Design Team fees, associated works, VAT etc. Critical Care beds are generally heavily serviced by infrastructure and are located centrally within a Hospital to provide critical clinical adjacencies and this is reflective of the costs.

In relation to timelines for project delivery the typical programme for a project of this scale and complexity is as follows:

Strategic Assessment Report and Preliminary Business Case - 6 months

Detailed Project Design, Procurement Strategy, Statutory Approvals etc. - 12 months

Preparation of Tender Documents & Tender Period - 9 months

Final Business Case and approval to award contract - 3 months

Construction - 15 to 24 months

Equipping and Commissioning – 3 to 6 months

Total Timeline - 48 to 60 months

This programme does not include any period for delay in receiving approval to progress from one stage to the next.

In relation to the critical care beds in the Mater Hospital and University Hospital Limerick it is not possible to give the details requested as the critical care beds is part of a larger project.

In relation to Tallaght University Hospital, 12 Critical Care beds are nearing completion at a cost of €1.65m per bed. The total timeline for delivery of this project will be 66 months, which includes an estimated 6 months for equipping and commissioning.

Yours sincerely,

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