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**PQ 18250/22 \* To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that a fair and transparent public procurement process was put in place for the appointment of design teams to construct a new emergency department and 100 bed unit at Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Haughey**

Dear Deputy Haughey,

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 COVID-19 emergency response highlighted significant challenges for many hospitals during the pandemic. In responding to the requirements to deliver urgent additional accommodation, it was recognised that there was a need to accelerate the delivery of key hospital projects on the Beaumont hospital campus. This was principally to expedite suitable and appropriate accommodation and address challenges such as separation and segregation, and meet infection prevention and control requirements.

To progress the new Emergency Department and additional in-patient bed capacity projects at Beaumont hospital projects during the pandemic, derogation from formal procurement competition procedures was permitted. This was pursuant to advice from the Office of Government Procurement, and in the context of urgent and essential health projects relevant to the COVID-19 emergency.

Value for money is a key factors considered in the engagement of any design team. The appointment of the design team for the Beaumont hospital projects, was and will continue to be, subject to all key stages of the Capital Works Management Framework.

Yours sincerely,

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