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**PQ 18714/22\*To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the construction project for a cancer centre of excellence at University Hospital Galway; the timeline for the pre-construction stages of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Denis Naughten**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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 proposal for a construction project for a cancer centre at University Hospital Galway is currently at pre-initiation stage and is being formulated in terms of service configuration, scope and cost. This proposal seeks capital investment in infrastructure to enable and support enhanced delivery of modern cancer services in Galway.

The proposal requires consideration in the context of the National Cancer Strategy 2017 - 2026 and engagement with key stakeholders at both local and national level. Given the scale of the project being proposed and assuming approval in principle, there will be a requirement in the first instance to complete a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) and Preliminary Business Case (PBC) in accordance with the Public Spending Code.

This work will need to be completed and Government approval obtained given the scope and likely cost of the project. Once such approval is in place an indicative timeline can be established for all stages of the project.

Yours sincerely,

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