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**PQ 6821/22\* To ask the Minister for Health the original costs budgeted for the Mount Carmel eating disorder service in CHO6; the expected increase in costs due to the delay; when the tendering process will be finalised; and when the service will be completed. -Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 tender process for the conversion of the existing convent building to an Eating Disorder Hub in Mount Carmel Hospital is still ongoing. So as not to prejudice this process, HSE Capital & Estates is not in a position to respond on the matter of costs at this time.

The tender process has been delayed slightly as a number of clarifications were requested during the tender evaluation process. It is expected that the tender process will be concluded by end of March 2022. As and when ratified through the requisite approval processes the construction duration will be approximately 6 months.

Yours sincerely,

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