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**PQ 7941/22\* To ask the Minister for Health when the capital application will be approved for the modular build at Belmullet District Hospital; the status of the proposed project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Rose Conway-Walsh**

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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.

A capital submission for a 50 bed replacement unit in Belmullet Hospital was reviewed at the National Capital and Property Steering Committee (NC&PSC) meeting of March 2019. A subsequent submission was made for a 13 bed interim building. It has since been confirmed that the “interim” project is actually an enabling project required to facilitate the larger 50 bed development.

The capital submission was first reviewed at the NC&PSC meeting of January 2021. A site inspection and a meeting with the HSE Services was actioned following a NC&PSC review however due to COVID this meeting was postponed until Q1 2022. Following this meeting the HSE Service will confirm bed numbers and the type of bed requirement i.e. short stay/long stay, once confirmed the project cost will be updated, and a revised capital submission will be reviewed by the NC&PSC.

The next meeting of the NC&PSC is 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and the project will be considered at this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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