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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 186 of 2 December 2021, the status of the construction of the two orthopaedic theatres with ancillary accommodation for the provision of elective procedures in Merlin Park University Hospital; when the new theatres will be fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.-Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

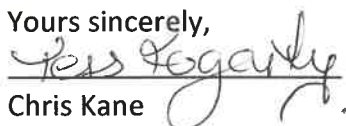
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

Construction of the Theatres is nearly completed and the contractor is expected to handover the facility at the end of March.

It is expected that one Theatre will be operational at the beginning of April and a phased approach to increasing the number of Theatre sessions in the 2nd Theatre will take place dependent on Staff recruitment.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

PP 

Chris Kane

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