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PQ 8805/22* To ask the Minister for Health if all new national maternity hospital enabling works are now completed; if not, the further works that are in progress or not yet started; and the projected end total cost of these enabling works. – Louise O Reilly

PQ 8804/22* To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the increase in the budget for the new National Maternity Hospital enabling works which has increased from €22 million to €51 million known spend to date; and if the Comptroller and Auditor General has carried out analysis to explain the variance. – Louise O Reilly

PQ 8803/22* To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of whether the Comptroller and Auditor General has determined that a value for money special report is required for the new national maternity hospital given the comments by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the audit on the spending (details supplied); if so, if he is of the view that such a report will apply to the entire new national maternity hospital project at Elm Park; when it is expected such a report will be completed; and if the report will be publicly available. – Louise O Reilly

PQ 8802/22* To ask the Minister for Health if the audit on spending to date on the new national maternity hospital enabling works at Elm Park has been completed; if so, if he will provide a copy of the audit report; if not, if there is an expected date for completion; and the reason that the late 2021 completion date was missed. – Louise O Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 HSE are engaging with the Comptroller & Auditor General regarding an audit relating to works to support the new National Maternity Hospital project. The process of the audit is due to commence soon.

The enabling works to prepare the site of the new NMH and de-risk the project and the campus in advance of the construction works for the new maternity hospital are nearing completion.

The €51m, including VAT, refers to the reporting on the spend for a number of enabling works construction contracts to support the delivery of the new national maternity hospital. These include but are not limited to:

- Aspergillus protection and prevention works,
- Enabling works / site preparation works;
- Infrastructural, demolition and utilities diversion works, and;
- Replacement Pharmacy and extension to existing multi storey car park.

Yours sincerely,



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