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"To ask the Minister for Health his views on putting in place the resources to extend the medical assessment unit opening hours in Bantry General Hospital to a 24/7 basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Cairns

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Medical Assessment Unit in Bantry General Hospital opens Monday – Friday, from 9am to 4.30pm.

There are currently no plans to extend the opening hours of the Medical Assessment Unit in Bantry General Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely.

Dr. Gerard O'Callaghan

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