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PQ 35942/22* To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 716 of 17 May and 1785 of 14 June 2022, the exact dates on which a building survey was carried out by the HSE estates department on a centre (details supplied: the Owenacurra Centre) which led to a report on 18 June 2021 that the premises was beyond repair; the exact dates on which an independent survey referenced in the response was carried out by personnel external to the HSE; the nature and duration of the independent survey; the findings and authors of this independent survey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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 fire safety inspection survey was carried out at the Owenacurra Centre by MJP, Consulting Fire Engineers on 15 March 2021. The nature of the survey was to carry out a review of the facility from a fire safety protection perspective. The findings of the survey, are contained in the report prepared by MJP Consulting Fire Engineers, which issued previously. The duration of both the survey and the preparation of the subsequent report was circa 30 hours.

An asbestos inspection survey was carried out at the Owenacurra Centre by OHSS Consultants on 3 October 2019. The nature of the survey was to carry out a review of a number of areas in the property for the presence of asbestos containing materials. The findings of the survey are contained in the report which issued previously. The duration of both the survey and subsequent report was circa 20 hrs. A follow on asbestos management survey was undertaken on 16 May 2022 on the entire building which reaffirmed previous findings. The duration of both the survey and subsequent report was circa 40 hours.

A visual inspection of the premises including mechanical and electrical plant and infrastructure was undertaken by Capital and Estates staff across a number of dates during May 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul de Freine".

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