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**PQ 38721/22 \* To ask the Minister for Health his views on providing fully accessible changing places and toilet facilities open to the public in all buildings which his Department owns and public bodies and agencies under his remit to offer people with disabilities and carers a network of equipped spaces to take care of personal hygiene, in safety and comfort. -Holly Cairns**

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.

The HSE supports the introduction of 'changing places' toilets as proposed in the Amendment to the Building Regulations, Part M (Access and Use). A consultation process in this regard is ongoing and the HSE will continue to contribute to the development of the proposed changes.

The amendment proposes changing places toilets in appropriate buildings. The HSE has identified acute healthcare facilities and primary care centres as the healthcare buildings where changing places toilets could be prioritised initially. The HSE has commenced the provision of changing places toilets in some new buildings including primary care centres.

Changing places toilets are in addition to other assisted and accessible toilets required by Part M of the Building Regulations. The future provision of changing places toilets in existing healthcare buildings will be subject to availability of funding and relevant practical considerations of need, priority, design and construction.

Yours sincerely,

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