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PQ 32792/22* To ask the Minister for Health the up to date position with a number of houses on the grounds of a HSE facility (details supplied: McCauley court houses on the grounds of St Vincent's hospital Athy) in County Kildare; the position with the upgrade of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 in discussions with other stakeholder bodies including the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Kildare County Council to agree a mechanism in relation to the proposed transfer of ten houses at McCauley Court on the grounds of St Vincent's Hospital, Athy, to Kildare County Council. This is with a view to securing future use of the properties by an approved housing body for appropriate residential purposes. Reflecting particular healthcare needs, HSE is currently considering the potential use of these properties on an interim basis pending future transfer.

Any proposed transfer of assets by the HSE should be in accordance with the Policy for Property Acquisition and Disposal of Surplus Property by a State agency. Such transactions are also subject to approval by the Property Review Group and Board of the HSE.

No upgrade of these properties is currently planned by the HSE, although some minor works will be required if they are to be brought into use on an interim basis as noted above.

Yours sincerely,

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