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Re: PQ 24752/22 – New Maternity Hospital at SVUH

“To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to the health of mothers for each year the building of the new Maternity Hospital is delayed; the number of wards that are operating at over capacity; the level of over capacity use in each of these wards; the capacity of the hospital; the number of patients in the hospital at any one time; the patient to doctor ratio; the patient to nursing ratio; the number of babies who are in the neo-natal intensive care unit; the patient to consultant ratio; and the way that these ratios compare to best practice.”

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

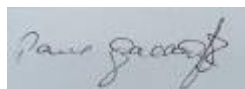
I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update from St. Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH) on the new Maternity Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that St. Vincent's University Hospital has reviewed the questions raised and suggests that the HSE or the National Maternity Hospital (NMH) may be the most appropriate source of response for the estimated cost to the health of mothers for each year the building of the new Maternity Hospital is delayed.

Also, information in regard to the number of wards that are operating at over capacity; the level of over capacity use in each of these wards; the capacity of the hospital; the number of patients in the hospital at any one time; the patient to doctor ratio; the patient to nursing ratio; the number of babies who are in the neo-natal intensive care unit; the patient to consultant ratio; and the way that these ratios compare to best practice all relate specifically to the National Maternity Hospital (NMH) and therefore it would be most appropriate for the National Maternity Hospital to provide these details.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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