



Mr Éamon Ó Cuív, TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**PQ 58369/22\*To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date regarding the provision of an ambulance base at a location (details supplied: Base to be provided in Recess, Connemara.) in Connemara; the date on which the National Ambulance Service requested HSE estates to refurbish the existing building there as an ambulance base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív**

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

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.

In December 2021 the National Ambulance Service (NAS), determined that an ambulance base was a requirement in Recess, Connemara. It was proposed to progress a project to refurbish an existing HSE owned building at this location. A capital submission was made to the HSE National Capital and Property Steering Group in Quarter 1, 2022, with approval to progress received in Quarter 2, 2022.

Capital and Estates commenced the initiation of the project in February this year. Particular priority has been given to the preparation of the planning application given the sensitive location in Connemara and its status as an area of special conservation. A pre-planning meeting with Galway County Council was held in mid-October 2022, at which the proposals and approach to compliance were deemed acceptable.

Subject to the normal project approval processes it is intended to lodge an application for planning permission for the ambulance base at Recess, Connemara in Quarter 1, 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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**National Director**  
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