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Leinster House,
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PQ 23680/23* To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the property section of the HSE with a view to forming a plan on the protection and enhancement of the old Famine Workhouse, a significant, historical building located at Old Longford Road, Mullingar. -Robert Troy

Dear Deputy Troy,

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 currently occupy a number of buildings on the former famine workhouse site on the old Longford Road, Mullingar.

The HSE has engaged a Conservation Architect to advise on the appropriate remedial works to undertake in order to preserve the former famine workhouse (St Mary's Lodge building) on the campus, due to the protected nature of the building

Tenders will be sought for the initial clearance and protection works in the coming weeks, with a view to having a contractor appointed for these works within the next 3 months.

Following the completion of these remedial works, Capital & Estates will progress with investigative structural surveys to help determine potential of this building for future HSE purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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