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Deputy Matt Shanahan Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

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PQ 46684/23 -To ask the Minister for Health the financial rewards his Department is planning to give to the budget of University Hospital Waterford in recognition for the five months' additional capacity management this hospital delivered while the emergency department of Wexford Hospital was closed due to fire damage (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 46683/23 - To ask the Minister for Health to detail the full service acute hospitals budget allocated at the beginning of 2023 to each of the nine 'model 4' hospitals nationally; the indicative and individual forecast overspend being guided by his Department for each of these hospitals up to 31 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

HSE Finance have advised as follows:

In relation to University Hospital Waterford, no specific funding was provided to the HSE in relation to the costs associated with temporary service re-locations arising from the fire at Wexford General Hospital.

The financial allocation of the HSE was increased in the Supplementary Estimates. This does not determine that the supplementary funding is sufficient to bring the HSE to an overall balanced final position. In allocating this supplementary funding, the exceptional costs undertaken by University Hospital Waterford in response to this fire will be considered.

HSE Finance have advised that the recent FÓRSA industrial action has impacted the finalisation of financial data for year end 2023 and is currently being finalised.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

General Manager Acute Operations