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**PQ 4111/24 - Sean Fleming To ask the Minister for Health to outline the actions being taken by the HSE to protect its assets (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Sean Fleming: Property owned by the HSE which was used by farmers in Timahoe, Co. Laois to treat sheep for the prevention of fly strike and scab. The facility was put in place by the Midland Health Board in 1973. It is being stated that the HSE are aware that the facility provided on the property was removed without the consent of the HSE.**

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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. Due to the recent industrial action by management and administrative grade staff in Forsa union in the HSE, there were delays in the processing and answering of Parliamentary Questions. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

While the HSE acknowledges that the sheep dip was removed without the consent of the HSE, the site remains registered to the HSE.

Capital & Estates have sought legal advice on the unauthorized actions and regarding the HSE's obligation if any for the provision of sheep dip facilities.

Yours sincerely

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