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PQ 30384/24*To ask the Minister for Health the all-in capital cost of a new operating theatre. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

A large number of factors have a bearing on the estimated “capital cost” of a theatre. These include such considerations as to whether the project is entirely new construction or includes some element of refurbishment; the extent of enabling, decant and site preparation works; extent of Infection Prevention Control measures; scope of development and economies of scale; site specific considerations including planning conditions; and the scope of related ancillary upgrade of refurbishment works necessary to the successful operation of the theatre provided. In addition it would be rare to construct a single stand-alone theatre without the inclusion of other services or infrastructure.

In the context of the above, current external factors such as inflation rates, supply chain issues & availability of resources can influence the capital costs of projects. For high level budgetary purposes only, a cost range of €8m to €15m per theatre suite should be considered, dependent on the scale of associated accommodation and whether the project is an extension to an existing suite or a new stand alone suit.

Yours sincerely

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