



Mr Michael Cahill, TD,  
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Leinster House,  
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**PQ 2932/25\*To ask the Minister for Health to provide as a matter of extreme urgency a new maternity unit at University Hospital Kerry (details supplied: as there are clinical risks to both mother and baby due to the location of the existing Maternity Unit, as it is too far from theatre and will the Minister provide a sixth operation theatre to facilitate Obstetrics/Gynaecology demands there); and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Michael Cahill**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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

Capital & Estates are engaging with the Regional Executive Office and its new Regional Director of Planning to determine the statement of need for Maternity Services in University Hospital Kerry.

Yours sincerely

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