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**Mark Wall TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2**

Ref: PQ 2125/25

Re: Sensational kids new National Child Development Centre, Kildare Town

"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the up to date position with funding for a project in Kildare South (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

-Mark Wall

Dear Deputy Wall,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I requested that a Business Manager examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

With regard to Sensational Kids proposed Building Project, the HSE confirmed that a clear funding plan setting out the HSE capital requirement was required in order that the HSE could consider it for discussion and inclusion on the 2024 Capital Plan proposals. As the clarification was not available at that time, it was not possible to include in the 2024 Capital Plan.

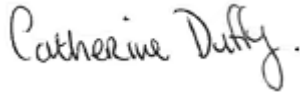
HSE Estates provided Sensational kids with the Capital Projects Manual & Approvals Protocol and advised the organisation of the requirement for public tendering on a publicly funded capital project. HSE confirmed that Capital funding must go through the capital estates procurement processes and that HSE will only be able to provide capital funding for projects that have proceeded through the necessary due diligence considerations, in the context of an agreed service arrangement.

We confirm that HSE have not as yet received a Capital application for the New National Child Development Centre, Kildare Town. Sensational Kids met with HSE Estates on 5th February. The meeting included confirming the Capital Application process and SHIF (Strategic Healthcare Investment Framework) Alignment Form was provided.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Duffy." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the "P.P" text.

Margaret O'Neill

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