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Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ 37936/25

"To ask the Minister for Health if the main CT scanner for radiation oncology at St. Luke's is within or beyond its end of life; if there is a concern whether this machine will not be operational if it is turned off, and as such if it is left turned on 24 hours a day; her plans for replacing all equipment at St. Luke's which is beyond or nearing end of life; the budgetary requirements for same and the sanctioned budget for replacements; and if she will make a statement on the matter"

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There are 6 CT scanners in the St Luke's Radiation Oncology Network (SLRON) and all are in operation across the network. The CT scanner referred to in the PQ is in the Rathgar site and the oldest of the 6 and some parts are difficult to source. To reduce the chances of problems starting the scanner up each day, the scanner is left on overnight. Much of the treatment and imaging equipment in SLRON has reached the point of requiring replacement. The Health Service Executive (HSE) Capital Plan includes approval for replacement of major medical equipment across 3 locations in the SLRON facilities: Rathgar, the St. James's Hospital campus and the Beaumont Hospital campus. This includes the all the CT scanners. The scope of the project includes design, construction works and installation of equipment. The delivery of the project is complex due to the nature of completing works and installation of equipment in a live clinical environment. A design team has been appointed by the HSE and the budget costs are currently under development, it is expected that the procurement

process for the works and the equipment supply will commence in late Q4 2025 early Q1 2026.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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