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Mr. Michael Cahill, TD Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in regard to utilising HSE buildings and lands across County Kerry for housing, that are no longer being utilised and are surplus to requirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

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 to the Minister for Health for a response.

The HSE continues to engage with all prescribed Stakeholders regarding properties surplus to its own requirements, in accordance with the HSE Property Protocol and the Protocol for the Intra-State Transfer of State Property Assets, as advised by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reforms Circulars 11/2015 and 17/2016.

The HSE continues to ensure that the State Property Register is updated to reflect the status of each property within its portfolio. In addition to updating the State Property Register, the HSE have directly engaged with the LDA and Kerry Council to advise them of the availability of properties in the region. Kerry Council has expressed an interest in a number of these properties and are undertaking inspections to assess the suitability of said properties to their requirements.

The HSE actively engages with all prescribed Stakeholders, expressing an interest in acquiring property, to facilitate the inspection, valuation and conveyance of all surplus properties. Where there is no expression of interest in acquiring these properties by any prescribed stakeholder/ State Body, the properties will be disposed of on the Open Market, pursuant to the relevant Protocols and DPER circulars.

Yours sincerely,

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