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PQ 9524/25* To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of recent storm damage, she will ensure that all State and semi-State agencies under her remit tasked with the provision of services to the public, would have back-up generators to allow them function regardless of power cuts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig O'Sullivan

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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 of Health for response.

During Storm Éowyn electrical power was maintained on all large HSE Acute and Non Acute campuses be it by mains power or generator back up.

- There was sufficient fuel storage on each site to maintain generator back up as necessary.
- All change over switching from mains power to generator back up worked successfully.
- Fuel reserves on all sites were restored as necessary.

During Storm Éowyn some Residential Homes, Health Centres and Primary Care Centres were without power for a period of time this was due to the facility not having the capacity to connect a generator supply to the location. As a result of the storm the HSE are undertaking a review of all hostel type accommodation, health centres and primary care centres with the intention to install electrical switch gear for priority locations and this would facilitate the connection of a standby generator if required.

It is not practical to provide electrical generator backup to all locations, however the HSE have access to a reserve supply of temporary generators which can be dispatched to selected locations dependent on their risk profile.

The HSE continue to maintain and upgrade their generator and change over switching on all Acute and Community Nursing Units.

Yours sincerely

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