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Hello Margaret,

I have an answer for you on the Value for Money review on public nursing homes. There were a number of legal issues that are almost completed. The Department hopes to have this work completed by end of Q1 2019.

I am still awaiting an update regarding the audit of empty beds in public hospitals. I will revert again when I have this information.

Kind regards, and have a great weekend. Derek.

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Hi Derek,

I hope you are keeping well.

The Committee is currently working on its next periodic report on meetings from May to July and having reviewed the transcripts and documentation, I outline below two further queries that we have regarding the Department.

As part of the meeting on 14 June 2018 with the NTPF, transcript <u>here</u>, the Committee noted that the Department were carrying out a Value for Money review of the cost of care in public nursing homes, the Committee would appreciate if you could advise when this review will be completed?

Also, the NTPF stated that it has not conducted an audit of empty beds in public hospitals, as that is not its function. Has the Department of Health or any other public body conducted an audit of the available capacity in public hospitals? [pp. 112-114 transcript]

I would appreciate if this information could be made available in the next ten days.

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