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Dear Ms Cremin,

I refer to your letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> November, following the Committee of Public Accounts meeting of 11 November 2021 and consideration of earlier correspondence received from the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) dated 29 October, requesting further information from the Department of Health for the Public Accounts Committee, in relation to the following:

1. *up to date financial information to end 2021 to include inflation/projected inflation, clarification if forecasting has been undertaken, projections for 2022, and if there will be a significant increase in costs.*
2. *the numbers of staff currently onsite and whether staffing levels are impacting on construction targets.*
3. *an update in relation to contractor claims and the moratorium on High Court claims and if it is still in place.*
4. *clarification regarding the discrepancy in the number of design changes previously provided by the Board at the meeting on 9 February and the corresponding number provided in this correspondence.*
5. *further information in relation to the 2-stage procurement process, why it was chosen and where has this model been used before; and*
6. *the status re percentage completion of the project, current challenges, and if there are delays in specific areas.*

The Secretary General requested that I respond to you in relation to this request. I wish to advise that the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB), which has statutory responsibility for the new children's hospital and are in receipt of a similar request, will reply to the Committee directly in the coming days.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Quinn', is written above a horizontal line.

Eamonn Quinn

Head of Major Capital Projects Unit

