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Ms. Sarah Cremin
Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2
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Dear Ms. Cremin,

I refer to your letter of 13 January of this year seeking a detailed information note regarding the likely final costs of the new National Children's Hospital, if a final estimate is known and if this Department is satisfied with this figure.

The Department of Health is the sponsoring Department for the new National Children's Hospital and has overall responsibility for managing the project within budget and for ensuring that value for money is obtained for delivery of the new hospital as part of its oversight role.

It remains the position that a definitive estimate of final costings, including the extent of costs arising due to construction price inflation, has not been provided by that Department. Similarly, the timeline for claims management is also a matter for the Department of Health.

As outlined in correspondence last year, I understand that any future funding request will be made by the Department of Health through the existing governance structures for the hospital for review by Government.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Moloney', is written over a horizontal line.

David Moloney
Secretary General