

QUESTION NO: 296

DÁIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Education and Skills
(Deputy Richard Bruton)
by Deputy Niamh Smyth
for **WRITTEN ANSWER** on **26/07/2017**

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will report on the new development for a school (details supplied); his plans to visit the school; if so, the date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. (Details Supplied) new development for the Holy Family School

REPLY.

As the Deputy will be aware my Department are currently reviewing a revised Stage 2(b) Detailed Design Report for this major building project.

Following receipt of the initial Stage 2(b) submission, my Department authorised the Board of Management to instruct its Design Team to commence the pre-qualification process for the assessment of suitably qualified contractors to which the project can be tendered. This authorisation was granted by my Department in order to expedite the tender process for this project by running the pre-qualification in tandem with the finalisation of Stage 2(b). The Design Team has informed my Department that it expects to complete its assessment of the pre-qualification submissions shortly and will then submit its report on the shortlist of contractors to my Department.

Upon receipt of this report and completion of the review of the revised 2(b) submission my Department will then revert to the school with a timeframe to proceed to tender and construction stage.

Since my appointment as Minister I have facilitated as many school visits as my schedule can allow for. Any request for me to visit a school should be emailed to ministers_calendar@education.gov.ie