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Good evening Cathaoirleach,

Thank you for facilitating today's technical briefing on the Rapid Build programme.

As part of the State's humanitarian response to the Ukrainian crisis, the government has developed a rapid build housing programme to provide accommodation for families fleeing the war in Ukraine. The programme aims to provide short-term accommodation for up to 2,800 Ukrainians at several sites across Ireland. The Office of Public Works (OPW) is leading the development of this accommodation in conjunction with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

The programme is being progressed under the emergency derogations from planning that were provided for by Government under S.I. No. 306 of 2022 – European Union (Planning and Development) (Displaced Persons from Ukraine Temporary Protection) Regulations, 2022.

Today we clarified that:

- Rapid Build homes are built in 5 factories across Ireland.
- The homes are 2 bedroom homes which will accommodate 4 persons in family units.
- Under the emergency derogation only those fleeing the war in Ukraine can be accommodated in the homes.
- Discussions are underway between HSE and DCEDIY regarding the use of land at Heywood to facilitate the development of rapid build homes. Discussions are drawing to a close and when all details have been finalised these will be shared with elected representatives.
- Subject to land conditions, it is envisaged that 82 homes will be placed on the site at Heywood.
- A public information event will be held to enable members of the public view plans and raise any queries with officials.
- All statutory services will be engaged with during this process.
- Following completion this site will be managed by Tuath Housing Body

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