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**Dear Deputy Crowe,**

I refer to your recent parliamentary question, Ref. No. 47759/17, to Mr. Shane Ross, T.D., Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

A tender competition was held by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to procure a suitable organisation to fit out and operate the M11 Gorey Service Area and to design, build, fit out and operate two other service areas, located on the M9 at Kilcullen and on the M6 at Athlone. In August 2015, prior to the award of the contract, one of the unsuccessful tenderers initiated legal proceedings seeking a judicial review of the tender evaluation process leading to the selection of the preferred tenderer. The judicial review was heard in the High Court in June 2016 and the legal challenge was subsequently withdrawn at the end of April 2017.

TII has now resumed discussions with the preferred bidder in order to bring this tender to financial close. It is anticipated that the contract may be signed by TII in 2018 and that construction works could commence on site in mid-2018. It is estimated that the construction period would be approximately 12 to 15 months for full completion.

Construction costs associated with access roads and overbridge for the M9 facility amount to €6.6m.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

**Yours sincerely,**

  
**Gary Lynch  
Head of Regulatory & Administration**