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Ms Louise O'Reilly TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

Re: PQ 8577/19: "To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing and staffing one air ambulance to run 24/7, 365 days a year."

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The National Ambulance Service operates an Emergency Aeromedical (Helicopter) Service in conjunction with the Irish Air Corps. The purchase and operation of such aircraft is undertaken by the Irish Air Corps and not by the NAS. Fixed wing type aircraft are also provided by private providers.

The annual cost of providing one NAS Advanced Paramedic to the service is as follows:

Pay incl allowances	Non- Pay Overheads (Uniform, PPE, Radios, Equipment
etc €	etc) €
72,982.33	9,100

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Reilly Asst Chief Ambulance Officer

