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Re: 9599/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Ambulance Service has embarked on a process of converting ambulances with excessive mileage that have been withdrawn from front line service to emergency equipment carriers; the cost involved for the conversion; his views on whether it would be more appropriate to purchase more modern vehicles which would have a longer lifespan rather than vehicles that are already decommissioned and are unsuitable for further use; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ 9600/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the purpose for which the emergency equipment carriers are to be used in the National Ambulance Service; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that no other European country converts ambulances to equipment carriers which have been retired from active frontline services; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that specialised vehicles are purchased for this task in all other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Pringle,

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

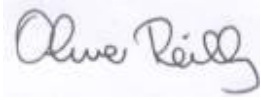
The National Ambulance Service can confirm that a feasibility exercise was undertaken regarding the conversion of a decommissioned emergency ambulance to an equipment carrying vehicle.

However the National Ambulance Service can also confirm that no decision has been taken regarding the conversion of emergency ambulances to equipment carrying vehicles in the future.

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



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Oliver Reilly". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Oliver Reilly
Asst Chief Ambulance Officer