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Mr Paul Murphy TD
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Re: 9800/19: "To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of converting ambulances with excessive mileage into emergency equipment carriers; the number of such vehicles being converted; if they have been replaced by new ambulances; the cost-benefit analysis carried out on this decision taking into account the increased maintenance costs of older vehicles; if consideration was given to the use of specialised vehicles for this task; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 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,

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