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Deputy Louise O'Reilly TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 2447 19: *To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on private ambulances by each hospital in each of the years 2011 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- Louise O'Reilly*

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Please see **Table 1** (attached as a separate excel file) which shows the total amounts paid by the HSE for private ambulance services by Hospital for the years 2011 to 2017.

I regret to inform you that the data requested for 2018 is not readily available from the HSE Finance ledgers and must be specifically extracted by Regional Finance staff. Regional Finance staff are currently fully absorbed in the preparation of the information for input into the Annual Financial Statements (AFS) and would not have the capacity to process this request currently. It will not be possible to collate 2018 data until after completion of the AFS process (estimated to be concluded March 2019).

The shortcomings in the HSE legacy financial systems are well acknowledged and their replacement by a single standard financial system for the Health Sector is at the core of the Finance Reform programme initiated by the Department of Health.

I would be pleased if you could let us know by return if the information provided in the table suffices for your purposes or if you wish us to proceed with collating 2018 data when resources become available.
I await to hear from you.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 045 882559.

Yours sincerely

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