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**Re: PQ 30949/19:** “To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital cost of providing an additional emergency ambulance; and the estimated full year costs of additional personnel required for its staffing.”

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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 the capital (purchase) cost of a fully equipped emergency ambulance is €220,000

The costs per annum for staffing **one** emergency ambulance are calculated as follows:

- 11.6 WTEs are required to operate one emergency ambulance on a 24/7 basis,
- includes a 30% locum relief factor.

The tables below outline the cost per annum for Advanced Paramedic and Paramedic crewing and the actual costs are determined by the mix of Advanced Paramedics/Paramedics operating in a particular location.

**Advanced Paramedic Costs - One Emergency Ambulance 24/7 per Annum:**

Number of Staff (WTE) per Emergency Ambulance – <b>Advanced Paramedic</b>	Pay	Non- Pay Overheads (Uniform, PPE, Radios, Equipment etc)	Vehicle Overheads (Fuel, Maintenance)	<b>Total Cost</b>
11.6	€978,738	€203,000	€27,840	<b>€1,209,578</b>

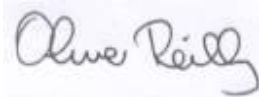


**Paramedic Costs - One Emergency  
Ambulance 24/7 per Annum:**

Number of Staff (WTE) per Emergency Ambulance - Paramedic	Pay	Non- Pay Overheads (Uniform, PPE, Radios, Equipment etc)	Vehicle Overheads (Fuel, Maintenance)	Total Cost
11.6	€721,538	€145,000	€27,840	€894,378

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require further information please contact me

Yours sincerely,



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