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Ms Louise O'Reilly TD
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ27345/19: "To ask the minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing three fully equipped ambulances for each of the four HSE regions, that is, 12 ambulances in total."

PQ27346/19: "To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of the required whole-time equivalent personnel for each of the 12 ambulances and the skill mix necessary."

PQ27255/19: "To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of training and recruiting 110 advanced paramedics."

PQ27256/19: "To ask the Minister for Health the estimated operating cost of an additional three ambulances including personnel for each of the four HSE regions."

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 existing NAS Paramedics who have a minimum of two years experience may apply to become an Advanced Paramedic. A selection procedure is then undertaken within the NAS which includes an MCQ entrance exam and an interview. The training of a Paramedic to Advanced Paramedic is carried out in block release over a 2 year period. The cost of training 110 Advanced Paramedics is circa €11,515,829.

The NAS Operational areas are North Leinster, South and West. NAS Area North Leinster encompasses HSE Areas Dublin North East and Dublin Mid Leinster

Cost of one emergency ambulance	€220,000.00
Cost of 12 emergency ambulances	€2,640,000.00



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

Number of Staff (WTE) per Emergency Ambulance – Advanced Paramedic	Pay	Non- Pay Overheads (Uniform, PPE, Radios, Equipment etc)	Vehicle Overheads (Fuel, Maintenance)	Total Cost	X 12 Emergency Ambulances
11.6	€978,738	€203,000	€27,840	€1,209,578	€14,514,936

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	X 12 Emergency Ambulances
11.6	€721,538	€145,000	€27,840	€894,378	€10,732,536

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

Yours sincerely,



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