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Ms Carol Nolan TD
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ 11053/19: “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the National Ambulance Service has embarked on a process of converting ambulances with excessive mileage that have been withdrawn from front-line service to emergency equipment carriers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ: 11054/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the cost involved in converting ambulances with excessive mileage to emergency equipment carriers.”

PQ 11060/19: “To ask the Minister for Health if the possibility of purchasing modern vehicles for use as equipment carriers was explored; and the cost of this particular option.”

PQ: 11061/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the reason the decision to use ambulances with excessive mileage as equipment carriers was deemed appropriate; and the factors that influenced this decision.”

PQ: 11062/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the maintenance costs by year for the use of ambulances with excessive mileage as equipment carriers.”

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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.

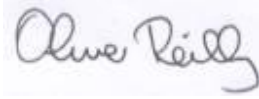
The National Ambulance Service can confirm that a feasibility exercise was undertaken regarding the conversion of a decommissioned emergency ambulance to an equipment carrying vehicle.

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 contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oliver Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'O' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Oliver Reilly
Asst Chief Ambulance Officer