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Mr Richard Boyd Barrett TD
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ 11899/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances that have been deployed to calls that are between 50 and 100 km away from the location they received the call; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ 11902/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the categories of calls in relation to the number of ambulances that have been deployed to between 100 and 150 km away from the location they received the call; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ 11900/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances that have been deployed to calls that are between 100 and 150 km away from the location they received the call; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ 11901/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances that have been deployed to calls that are over 150 km away from the location they received the call; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ 11898/19: “To ask the Minister for Health his views on the dynamic deployment method AMPDS system that is being used by the NAS control centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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 dispatches emergency resources on a nearest available (to the incident) basis and where a closer resource becomes available, this resource will be dispatched and the original resource will be stood down.

The NAS Dispatchers continue to review available resources during calls and utilise the advanced medical priority dispatch system (AMPDS) which uses international standards and protocols to ensure life threatening calls receive an immediate response while less acute conditions may have to wait.

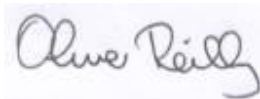


The table below outlines the resources **allocated** by time from its location to the incident as it is not possible to categorise by distance.

Timeband (ETA)	Category	Number of Resources
<30 min	1	111500
	2	83184
30 mins – 1 hr.	1	31912
	2	28052
1hr – 90 mins	1	3023
	2	3069
90mins +	1	766
	2	854
	TOTAL RESOURCES	262360

Resources that were subsequently 'stood – down' are not included in this data

Yours sincerely,



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