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Mr Stephen Donnelly TD,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ 44347/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances in operation nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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 purchases ambulance vehicles for the entire service based on projected service requirements for each of the ambulance areas. From those assessments vehicles are allocated to the different geographic areas and each one is located to a particular base or station.

The fleet is composed of two hundred and seventy-eight (278) Emergency Ambulances. These vehicles respond to all categories of emergency calls and are compliant with current EU regulations for this type of vehicle. In addition, there are sixty-one (61) Intermediate Care Ambulances that are used to transport patients between medical facilities.

I trust this information is of assistance to and should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline McDonagh,
Senior Executive Officer.