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Ms. Maureen O'Sullivan TD,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ 46904/19: To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE is continuing to refuse to pay the Dublin Fire Brigade for the ambulance service (with estimates of €12m outstanding over three years and thus, this is putting severe pressure on Dublin City Council finances); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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 (NAS) is the statutory pre-hospital emergency and intermediate care provider for the State. In the Dublin metropolitan area, ambulance services are provided by NAS resources and Dublin City Council (DCC)/Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB). The NAS operates a funding support agreement between HSE/NAS and DCC/DFB for the delivery of Emergency Ambulances within Dublin City and County. This funding support agreement takes cognisance of the pay costs, superannuation costs, and non-pay costs relevant to one hundred and five (105) WTE's posts within DFB. In relation to the supply of ambulance services, the total amount paid to DCC/DFB annually is €9,223,505.

This funding support agreement has been in place for the last number of years, and to date there have been no discussions entered into with the HSE/NAS by DCC/DFB regarding shortfalls in the same and NAS can further confirm that this amount has been paid in full each year. As such, the NAS are not aware of any deficit in costs in relation to this funding support agreement.

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.