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**Re: PQ40270:** “To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to secure the air ambulance service at Custume Barracks, Athlone; the number of missions flown in each year of operation and to date in 2019; if assurance will be provided that its role will be expanded on foot of the operation of the second air ambulance in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**PQ 40271/19:** “To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to a service (details supplied) for operations tasked by the National Ambulance Service in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, respectively; the average cost per mission in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Details supplied:** C.H.C./Irish Coast Guard for Emergency Air Ambulance Services

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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 the number of missions flown by the Emergency Aeromedical Service is as follows:

Year	Total
2015 (16 <sup>th</sup> Sept to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec)	145
2016	651
2017	528
2018	430
2019 to date	386



The information in relation to pre September 2015 was recorded on an older dispatch system. We are having a technical difficulty accessing this system and are working on rectifying the problem and the information will be forwarded as soon as possible

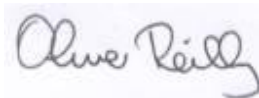
The Department of Health has confirmed to the National Ambulance Service that a Ministerial Reply has been issued to the Deputy regarding the first part of question – 40270/19.

The National Ambulance Service can confirm that the following was paid as part of arrangements in place between the Irish Coast Guard and the National Ambulance Service:

2017	262,680
2018	31,905
2019	39,157

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

Yours sincerely,



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