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Mr Patrick O'Donovan TD
Minister of State Depts. of Finance,
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Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 38361/19: "To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance cars assigned to HSE officers; if HSE officers are the only persons allowed to drive the vehicles; if not, if named non-ambulance personnel can drive them; if so, the number; the annual mileage in 2018 by vehicle assigned to specific personnel; the number of call-outs made by each vehicle assigned to an officer in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Minister,

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 NAS operates a pool of 140 rapid response vehicles of which 74 are assigned to NAS Managers. These pool vehicles are used by NAS Managers to carry out their duties on behalf of the NAS. NAS Managers who are qualified Advanced Paramedics/Paramedics/EMTs also respond to emergency calls both within and outside business hours. Only NAS operational staff are authorised to drive these vehicles and the use of these vehicles for private use is prohibited.

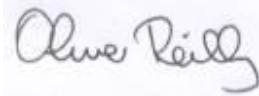
The use of official vehicles comes under the NAS policy; **NASBS003 - Business Support Procedure for Authorised Use of Official Vehicles** which I have attached separately for your information.

In 2018 NAS Managers responded to 2,817 emergency calls and covered a total of 1,445,850km



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'.

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