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**Re: PQ 39055/19:** “To ask the Minister for Health the number of voluntary off-road ambulances nationally; the number of call-outs these ambulances have undertaken in each of the past three years and to date in 2019 on behalf of the 999 emergency services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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 numbers of voluntary off-road ambulances are as follows:

| Organisation                   | Number of Off-Road Ambulances                     |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Order of Malta Ambulance Corps | 28  |
| Irish Red Cross                | 38  |
| St John's Ambulance            | Confirmation from St John's awaited and to follow |

The number of calls undertaken by voluntary ambulances since 2016 is as follows:

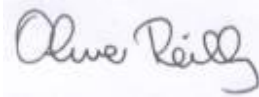
| Year  | No of Calls |
|-------|-------------|
| 2016  | 0           |
| 2017  | 2           |
| 2018* | 274         |
| 2019  | 0           |

\*Heavy  
snowfall in  
2018



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 'O' and 'R'.

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