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Ms. Louise O'Reilly TD,
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11th August 2020.

Re: PQ 18023/20. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing and staffing one air ambulance to run 24-7, 365 days a year.
PQ 18061/20. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing three fully equipped ambulances for each of the four HSE regions.
PQ 18062/20. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of the required whole-time equivalent personnel for each of the 12 ambulances and the skill mix necessary.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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.

In response, the interior medical equipment for an AW139 EMS Helicopter (currently used by the Department of Defence) with staffing (one year) of two whole time equivalent Paramedics and two whole time equivalent Advanced Paramedics amounts to €711,000. The purchasing an AW139 EMS Helicopter, Pilots and other associated costs come under the remit of the Department of Defence.

The estimated cost of purchasing and equipping three Emergency Ambulances (including overheads such as fuel and maintenance) operating 24 hours/365 days for year one is €735,000. For twelve Emergency Ambulances the estimated costs are €2,940,000.

An equal staffing skill mix of a Paramedics and Advanced Paramedics, operating on a 24 hours, seven days a week basis, for the twelve Emergency Ambulances is estimated at €10,770,346.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Executive Officer.

