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**Re: PQ 21207/20.**

**To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE continues to refuse to pay Dublin City Council for the provision of the Ambulance Service in Swords, County Dublin which stands at €12 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Pringle,

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to HSE Parliamentary Affairs Division for a response.

The HSE NAS has arrangements in place with Dublin City Council's Fire Brigade for the provision of Ambulance Service in parts of Dublin City and County. As part of the 2007 full-time opening of the Fire Station in Swords, Dublin Fire Brigade advised the HSE NAS there was additional accommodation available for both vehicles and staff and that they now planned to re-deploy one of the two ambulance vehicles located at Townsend Street HQ to Swords. The HSE NAS agreed to the relocation of an ambulance vehicle and staff to Swords on the basis that there were no additional costs involved. This move was approved by the then Assistant City Manager and the HSE Programme Manager. There were no additional payments made to Dublin City Council as there were no additional costs involved in the moving of the ambulance vehicle and crews from Townsend Street HQ to Swords. In addition, HSE NAS have a base in Swords providing resources of two full-time ambulances.

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.

