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## Re: PQ 19484/21.

To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes for an ambulance to arrive at a scene after a call was received; and the number on a response area basis. PQ 19485/21.

To ask the Minister for Health the current average ambulance response time in each area of County Tipperary.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Browne,

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 responses.

The National Ambulance Service reports on the average response times (from the time the Emergency Ambulance is dispatched) for 'Category 1' calls by division and region. 'Category 1' refers to life-threatening conditions requiring immediate intervention and/or resuscitation. For example, cardiac or respiratory arrest; airway obstruction; ineffective breathing; and unconscious patient with abnormal breathing etc.

In the West Division, the Mid-West region is composed on Tipperary North, Clare and Limerick while the South Division region of the South East is comprised of counties Kilkenny, Tipperary South, Waterford and Wexford.

In 2020, the average 'Category 1' response time for the Mid-West region was 17 minutes for 5,779 responses while in the South East the average response time was 22 minutes for 5,921 responses.

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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