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"To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of fees that are covered for airline tickets and those that are not covered under the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

Thank you for your PQ above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

I am enclosing a copy of the HSE TAS National Travel Policy for your information.

The HSE TAS provides reimbursement for the economic air/sea fares for the patient and an accompanying adult, for paediatric patients or for patients who are required to be accompanied on medical grounds. Any additional expenses e.g. insurance, priority boarding, seat assignment fee, baggage fees etc are not eligible for reimbursement under the policy.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or via <u>catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie.</u>

Yours sincerely,

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