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Deputy Dara Calleary,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 8628/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the sources of funding available within his Department for voluntary response groups to assist in the purchase of assets such as ambulances and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Dara Calleary**

Dear Deputy Calleary,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Funding for voluntary response groups are dealt with on a case to case basis as they arise and there is an extensive range of Service and Grant Aid agreements which cover this. If the deputy wishes to specify what items other than ambulances are referred to in this question, we will be in a better position to provide an answer with reference to the relevant funding channel.

With specific regard to ambulances, generally ambulance purchases are under the provision of the National Ambulance service, though if a Community based Voluntary Group normally submits their funding requests to the local CHO, then a submission for assets would be assessed by the CHO in the normal course of business.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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