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**PQ18999/22** *To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 724 of 8 March 2022, if he will provide an itemised breakdown of the amount spent on vehicles purchased in 2020; the number and type of vehicles purchased; the details of each of the vehicles purchased and associated itemised costs in tabular form; the purpose of each purchase; the expected lifespan of the vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane*

**PQ19000/22** *To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 724 of 8 March 2022, if he will provide an itemised breakdown of the amount spent on computers in 2020; the number and type of computers purchased; the details of each of the computers purchased and associated itemised costs in tabular form; the purpose of each purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane*

**PQ19001/22** *To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 724 of 8 March 2022, if he will provide an itemised breakdown of the sum spent on maintenance in 2021, in tabular form; the purpose of each purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane*

**PQ19002/22** *To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 724 of 8 March 2022, if he will provide an itemised breakdown of the sum spent on other medical equipment in 2020 including the number and types of equipment purchased; the details of the equipment purchased and associated itemised costs in tabular form; the purpose of each purchase; the expected lifespan of the product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane*

**PQ19003/22** *To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 724 of 8 March 2022, if he will provide an itemised breakdown of the amount spent on medical and surgical supplies; the number and type of supplies and equipment purchased; the details of each of the purchases and associated itemised costs in tabular form; the purpose of each purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane*

**PQ19004/22** *To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure on vehicles by the National Ambulance Service in each year since 2000, in tabular form; the source of funding for expenditure in each year; the Covid spending in 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number and types of vehicles to which the expenditure refers and the relevant amounts expended; the purpose of each purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane*

**PQ19005/22** *To ask the Minister for Health the number of vehicles disposed of by the National Ambulance Service in each year since 2000, in tabular form; the reason for each disposal; the revenue generated by each disposal; the cost of each disposal; the number and types of vehicles in each disposal; the reason for each disposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane*





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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) 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.

It has been highlighted by the relevant departments within NAS that to attempt to answer these questions it would require a significant and onerous level of review and gathering of data which would take many weeks and the establishment of a team working on same, taking key staff from core service duties due to the level of detail.

For example the expenditure in Revenue is charged to eight different finance systems and coding on each system is not standardised, for example computer purchases can be charged to eight different headings on the system, reported spend could be for computers, docking station, screens, other peripherals etc. This would require reviewing every single invoice posted on the eight different finance systems to be examined and collated.

For Medical supplies there are twenty-five different codes across eight different ledgers. For Maintenance, this would cross revenue and capital and revenue spend / across eight different ledgers and coding is not standardised here either, also costed to seventy different headings. Medical equipment is coded under a number of headings (eleven) across eight finance systems.

We regret we are not in a position to address these questions with the current ICT systems available to us but to attempt to do so would severely impact the critical services provided by NAS.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman  
Deputy Director  
National Ambulance Service

