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**To ask the Minister for Health the research that his Department has undertaken on the number of ambulances needed just to make up the shortfall of ambulances as they wait at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital accident and emergency department, Drogheda.  
-Peadar Tóibín**

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 response.

In July 2021, the National Ambulance Service (NAS) commissioned a Demand and Capacity Analysis to inform future workforce planning arrangements. The Analysis considered all factors affecting the capacity available to respond to rising demand across the country, including the increasing turnaround time at all acute hospitals. This matter was the subject of scrutiny by the Public Accounts Committee and the Joint Committee on Health in Q3 2022. The attached paper was provided to the both Committees to inform their understanding of current service provision and future workforce challenges.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Morton  
Director  
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