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**PQ 4877/22 – \*To ask the Minister for Health the cost of dialysis transport to the HSE for 2019, 2020 and 2021 for patients requiring access to this vital therapy; the breakdown of the cost by each hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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

The National Renal Office has advised that currently, there are 2019 adults nationally attending a hospital unit or a stand-alone haemodialysis satellite unit 3 times (6 transport journeys) per week to receive their dialysis treatment. This equates to over 315,000 transport journeys per year.

I am advised that patient transport is funded from a range of sources as non- emergency patient transport covers all transport for patients requiring treatment, including patients that require haemodialysis treatments.

I am advised by HSE Finance that the information you have requested cannot be provided as the current finance systems do not collect this level of detail.

Yours sincerely,

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