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Mr. Jackie Cahill TD Parnell Street Thurles Co. Tipperary

RE: PQ 24478/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider increasing the mileage and wear and tear allowances currently provided to staff that provide end of life and palliative cares services in the home in the HSE Mid West Region in view of the rising costs in both fuels and car repairs which means that the allowances currently being provided are making this job uneconomical for many; and if he will make a statement on the matter

**Dear Deputy Cahill** 

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position

The current Motor Travel Rates and allowances in place for all Public Servants were issued following approval by the Minister for Public Expenditure (DOH Circular 7/2017 refers). These rates are set nationally and cannot be reviewed on a local or individual basis.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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