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**57122/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the details of the organisation or body that is in charge of decommissioning ambulances; the details of the policy in place as regards the decommissioning of ambulances; the process whereby a person or organisation can apply to become a vendor to look after the decommissioning of ambulances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Catherine Connolly**

**57123/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the point in the life cycle of an ambulance at which it must be decommissioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Catherine Connolly**

**57124/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency ambulances, intermediate care ambulances and rapid response vehicles decommissioned by the HSE National Ambulance Service in 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Catherine Connolly**

**57125/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency ambulances, intermediate care ambulances and rapid response vehicles acquired by the HSE National Ambulance Service in 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form; the number currently in use; the number awaiting entry into service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Catherine Connolly**

Dear Deputy Connolly,

The 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.

The decommissioning of NAS vehicles is managed by the NAS Fleet and Logistics function in line with the HSE's National Financial Regulations (NFR 06 - Fixed Assets and Capital Accounting). The HSE does not have any plans to outsource this function.

In keeping with international practice for emergency ambulance services, the NAS Fleet & Equipment Replacement Policy 2021 – 2026, provides for a five years or 350,000kms replacement programme for Emergency Ambulances (whichever comes first).





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Decommissioned Vehicles 2020, 2021, 2022				
	2020	2021	2022	
Emergency Ambulances	55	55	42 to date	*2022 work ongoing
Intermediate Care Ambulances	33	30	0 to date	*2022 work ongoing
Rapid Response Vehicles	0	15	0 to date	*2022 work ongoing

Commissioned Vehicles 2020, 2021, 2022				
	2020	2021	2022	
Emergency Ambulances	65	56	40 to date	*2022 work ongoing
Intermediate Care Ambulances	2	35	0 to date	*2022 work ongoing
Rapid Response Vehicles	0	15	10 to date	*2022 work ongoing

All the above commissioned vehicles are currently in service. The confirmed number of commissioned vehicles for 2022 in all three categories will be available at year end 2022. 35 further Emergency ambulances are awaiting registration and entry into service in 2023.

I hope this information is helpful

Yours sincerely,

William Merriman  
Director of Operations  
National Ambulance Service

