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Deputy Pearse Doherty
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To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered replacing the ambulance on Arranmore island for a newer model in order that the ambulance can spend more time on the island and less time on the mainland getting repaired; if a replacement ambulance has been considered; if so, when this change is likely to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty

Dear Deputy Doherty,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The NAS can confirm that the current Emergency Ambulance has been brought to the mainland on 6 occasions for repairs in the last four years, on the dates noted below:

19th Jan 2019
3rd July 2019
20th July 2020
15th July 2021
26th July 2022
16th September 2022.

Currently there is no short-term plan to replace this vehicle.

Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo are seeking funding via the Estimates Process for a bespoke vehicle for the island and information has been supplied regarding vehicle build, licence requirement, and procurement advice.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
Deputy Director
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