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**PQ 18995/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the plans that the National Ambulance Service and hospitals have in the context for catastrophic incidents at lithium ion battery energy storage system failures. -Catherine Murphy**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 Health for response.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have developed a "Framework for Major Emergency Management". This Framework document describes the mechanisms for determining the lead agency – usually the Local Authority - and the lead primary response agency – in the event described above would likely be the Fire Service.

The NAS would manage any specific response requested of them via the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) and respond to such an incident as required via identified site specific plans or the major emergency plan if activated by the lead agency.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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