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Deputy Jackie Cahill,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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9357/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE will not assist with the cost of taxis for persons attending private medical appointments, even when an individual is being provided care at home by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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

There is no statutory basis for the provision of non-emergency patient transport by HSE Disability or Older Persons Services. No new funding has been provided to the HSE for transport of individuals to and from Medical Appointments.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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