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Deputy Catherine Murphy TD
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 12794/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated costs required for the purchase of additional helicopter for the HSE aeromedical services. — 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 Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE does not currently own or directly operate any helicopters. Current helicopters dedicated to the use of NAS are operated by:

Athlone – aircraft owned and operated by the Irish Air Corps (funded directly through Defence Vote)

Rathcool - aircraft owned and operated by a company on a contract basis established through a public procurement process

The HSE is in the process of renewing the latter contract through a public procurement process and hence, any future costs will be informed by the outcome.

I hope you find this information helpful

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton
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