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Deputy Séamus McGrath TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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**2166. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with the HSE and the National Ambulance Service on the withdrawal of ambulance vehicles from advance paramedics educational officers and resource managers (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [19581/25]*

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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.

NAS Managers have access to vehicles for business purposes during working hours.

The use of publicly owned emergency vehicles for purposes which Revenue Commissioners may view as personal use, has previously been the subject of public and individual scrutiny: <https://www.rte.ie/news/primetime/2014/0328/605127-prime-time-the-ambulance-service-uncovered-click-here/>

The rationale for the subsequent changes is a matter of public record [Ceisteanna Eile - Other Questions – Dáil Éireann \(34th Dáil\) – Thursday, 6 Mar 2025 – Houses of the Oireachtas](#) and has been responded to by the Minister.

NAS Managers are not on call outside of their core working hours, however, several clinically qualified managers across the country have consistently made themselves available to respond on a goodwill basis outside of working hours.

The HSE has engaged with the relevant trade unions and has now put in place measures to allow this to continue.

With effect from the 24 February 2025, any such NAS Manager has had the option to apply to join an NAS Manager Off Duty Responder Scheme. On the 25 February 2025, SIPTU raised concerns about the associated obligations and on the 11 March 2025 SIPTU referred a dispute to the WRC Conciliation Service.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rob Moriarty, our General Manager responsible for NAS Operations in the South West Region.

In the meantime, I hope you find this information helpful





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Yours sincerely

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