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Deputy Peadar Toibin  
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**PQ 11218/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he has investigated the potential misuse of ambulances for personal use within the NBS; and the number of ambulance vehicles parked outside offices during the day or being used to drive to and from work by staff. -Peadar Tóibín**

Dear Deputy Toibin,

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.

Emergency Ambulance vehicles are not authorised for personal use within NAS.

Official vehicles are allocated by the NAS for the use of Authorised Officers where necessary for the conduct of official business. Staff allocated a vehicle are aware of the Protocols and Procedures for use of NAS Pool Vehicles.

Staff are required to be available (on call) for all or part of a day, evening or night, and sanction may be given for vehicles to be parked in the event that they are needed for a potential call-out.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman  
Director of Operations  
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