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**Patricia Ryan TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2**

Ref: PQ 24025/24

Re: Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA)

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if the lack of adequate reliable transport facilities available to an organisation (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

- Patricia Ryan

Dear Deputy Ryan,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have requested that a member of Disability Services examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In 2013, the Department of Health closed the Mobility Allowance Scheme to new applicants.

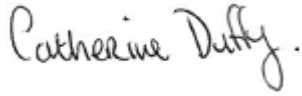
The HSE funds IWA as an independent legal entity, pursuant to Section 39 of the Health Act, in order to provide a range of supports and services to people with a disability. The Irish Wheelchair Association has received funding from the HSE for vehicles for transportation of clients.

The IWA may also apply for National Lottery funding for provision of vehicles. Funding for projects under the national lottery is made available annually and is advertised in local press and media usually in mid-January with a closing date in mid-February each year.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

P.P

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Duffy." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Margaret O'Neill

Interim Head of Service, Disability Services

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