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Deputy Duncan Smith,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 235 of 22 January 2025, the reason an individual (details supplied) was informed that he would be required to fly into Belfast before being transported to Tullamore Hospital due to restrictions on private ambulances entering the tarmac at Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: Terrence Dumbleton Flight Date: 9th of January Aircraft Call Sign: UNI134 Original Flight Plan: Gran Canaria – Dublin Scheduled Departure Time 10:00 Scheduled Arrival Time: 14:17 Actual Flight Plan: Gran Canaria – Belfast Scheduled Departure Time 10:00 Scheduled Arrival Time: 14:14

Dear Deputy Smith,

Thank you for your query. In accordance with Guidance Material issued by IAA in December 2024 to all airport operators, daa is required to establish the legitimacy of any request for a private ambulance to access the CPSRA (Critical Part of a Security Restricted Area) at their airports. As detailed in the issued response to Parliamentary Question No. 235, when the airport operator is validating such requests for the attendance of private ambulances, it may consider a health authority, hospital, or insurance company as a reliable source, but it cannot consider a private ambulance operator as a reliable source without independent confirmation of same.

daa has not had any correspondence with the operator in respect of the flight detailed in your query; therefore, we are unable to provide further comment in respect of it. We do appreciate your interest in this issue and would like to reiterate our offer to meet to discuss at a time that is convenient for you. Please let us know if that would be helpful.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rebecca Troy'.

Rebecca Troy,
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