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Deputy Paul Donnelly,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dail Question No: 421

To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent by Dublin Airport Authority on purchasing specialist fire appliances for Dublin Airport Fire Services, in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

Thank you for your query.

daa and Dublin Airport Fire & Rescue Service (DAFRS) initiated the replacement of aging firefighting vehicles to support the new north runway, procuring one new High Reach Extendable Turret (HRET) vehicle in both 2024 and 2025.

These vehicles have specialised features and performance which enable DAFRS to meet the regulated response times. The replacement of the existing fleet with modern HRET enabled vehicles represents a significant operational advancement in aircraft firefighting which provides a more robust, reliable and resilient firefighting capability. The new additions are financially and environmentally sustainable, scalable and provide an improved supply chain and maintenance process.

Unfortunately, the requested information around specific costs is commercially sensitive and cannot be disclosed. It is important to note that daa is a Commercial Semi State Organisation, and not a Public Sector Organisation. This distinction means that legitimate commercial concerns arise for daa that may not apply to some public bodies without a commercial mandate.

daa is committed to the achieving value-for-money in the acquisition of works, supplies and services. daa complies with relevant legislation, Code of Practice and internal governance set out in the Procurement Governance Framework and Sustainable Sourcing Guidelines. daa's procurement practices are conducted with probity and integrity adhering to the core principles of accountability, competition, equality of treatment, fairness and transparency.

Furthermore, daa adheres to best practices in project management and governance to ensure that all expenditures are justified and transparent. All projects are subject to oversight and control mechanisms to prevent and manage overspends. These include comprehensive planning, monitoring, and detailed reporting to ensure that deviations from the budget are promptly identified and addressed. We hope this provides clarity on our commitment to financial prudence and effective project management.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danielle Martin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Danielle Martin,
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