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Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ 50530/19

To ask the Minister for Health if disability organisations will be provided with funding to allow them pay the full Christmas bonus to recipients of the rehabilitation training allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

The payment of the Rehabilitative Training (RT) Bonus came into place on the transition of Rehabilitative Training Programmes to the Health Service Executive following the dissolution of the National Rehabilitation Board in June 2000. The Rehabilitative Training Bonus payment relates to those on Rehabilitative Training Programmes for a period of up to 4 years. Currently a rate of €31.80 is paid weekly on attendance (5 days equates €31.80 thereafter on pro-rata basis) by the Health Service Executive.

The Christmas Bonus is an extra payment for people getting a long-term Social Welfare payment and is generally paid in early December.

The HSE received correspondence from the Department of Health on October 30th indicating that the full Christmas bonus should be paid out to all recipients of RT that are still in receipt of the weekly RT bonus payment. In this context, arrangements have been made to pay the Christmas bonus to those that are eligible for same.

Yours sincerely,

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