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Deputy Thomas Broughan, TD

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Dear Deputy

PQ 11799/19 *To ask the Minister for Health the level of unfilled hospital consultant posts in the health service; the steps he is taking through pay restoration or otherwise to urgently remedy the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Thomas P. Broughan

Dear Deputy

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was sent to the HSE for response.

Health Business Services (HBS) Recruit facilitate the recruitment process for consultant posts. At present there are 295 such posts going through the recruitment process, either at the pre-advertising stage where consultation is ongoing with the services to compile the documentation, or they are with the Public Appointments Service being advertised, going through interviews or are at the clearance process or finally are at contracting stage.

The HSE reached a High Court settlement with litigating consultants in respect of the alleged failure to pay remuneration and / or pension in accordance with the terms of their 2008 Contract of employment. The arrangements agreed are also available to other non litigating consultants who fall within the Terms of Settlement. The HSE is currently implementing the Terms of Settlement, this will result in eligible Consultants receiving payment of corrected remuneration payable from 1st January 2019 and receiving retrospective payment of remuneration and / or retrospective payment of pension entitlement.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Maire O'Sullivan'.

Pp National HR