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Deputy Eugene Murphy
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PQ 40734/19 To ask the Minister for Health the reason some former HSE staff have still not received their pension increments as promised in line with the national wage agreement for 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The payment of the pension increases to the HSE pensioners is dependent on when they retired and whether the retirement benefits were calculated using pre cut salary rates as per the FEMPI legislation or not.

Furthermore it is also based on whether the pensioner had pensionable allowances used in the calculation of their benefits as only some of these allowances attract the increase.

The delay is largely due to gathering all such information at individual level to ensure that the increases will be correctly applied according to the legislation.

We are working through the pensioners and I can assure you that all pensioners who are entitled to an increase will have the same applied and arrears paid by January 2020 at the latest.

We would hope to have most of the paid in time for the December payment of pension.

I hope this clarifies the position.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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