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Deputy Emer Higgins  
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***PQ 42923/20 \* To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the payment of travel allowances which are owed to student nurses from placements which took place almost one year ago; and if these allowances will be paid without further delay.\****

Dear Deputy Cahill,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Pre-registration nursing degree students are paid a Clinical Placement payment of €50.79 per week of Clinical Placement as outlined in the attached Department of Health Circular 9/2004. This payment is processed by the Regional Student Allocations officer within the various Hospital Groups.

Furthermore, a student on the pre-registration nursing degree programme is entitled to a refund of the cost of transport on the basis of receipts certified by the student and the allocations officer in the health service. Public transport should be used wherever possible. The certification and approval of these travel expenses are the responsibility of local management at each site.

I am advised that in agreement with local working groups, this payment is processed up to six weeks after the completion of the clinical placement. I understand that, to date, no Hospital Group has reported any delays or complaints as the payments are achieved within the specified timeframe. However, if the Deputy is aware of any specific cases and wishes to provide details, we would be happy to look into it.

I trust that this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,



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