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**Deputy Louise O'Reilly**  
**Dail Eireann,**  
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**Kildare Street,**  
**Dublin 2**

**Reference: PQ 11887/20**

*To ask the Minister for Health if nursing homes have to account for the way in which they spend the €72 million support package; and if so, if a breakdown of the spending will be provided in tabular form*

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Covid 19 Temporary Assistance Payment Scheme has been in operation since April.

The Health Service Executive administers the scheme and makes payments to nursing homes. The National Treatment Purchase Fund administers the application process and provides support and advice to the Health Service Executive.

The requirements and obligations that nursing homes must meet in order to be eligible for the scheme are detailed in the *Scheme Procedures and Details for Payment under the Scheme* document which is available on the HSE website at this link:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/temporary-assistance-payment-scheme-for-nursing-homes/>

Nursing homes are obliged to provide a range of details to support their application within the application form templates that must be submitted. A separate application form must also be signed and submitted by nursing homes to confirm their compliance with the terms and conditions of the Scheme.

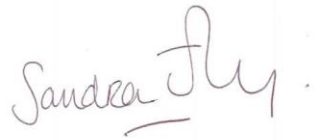
Both the NTPF and the HSE have an agreed application vetting and confirmation process in place prior to payments being approved.

While €19.4million has been transferred to nursing homes under the scheme to date, applications are still being received and processed. We are therefore not yet in a position to provide a summary of

expenditure under the Scheme. We will contact your office directly to understand if we can provide some level of summary information to you.

If you require any further information, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

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**Sandra Tuohy**  
**Assistant National Director, Head of Operations & Service Improvement**  
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