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Re: PQ 13126/20

To ask the Minister for Health if provisions are being made for frontline health workers that have been forced to use up their annual leave for childcare purposes and are facing a situation in which they no longer have time to take off despite fronting the national effort to overcome Covid-19

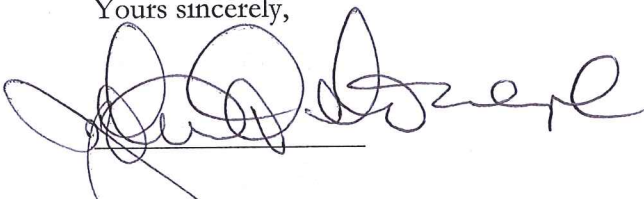
Dear Deputy Crowe,

I refer to above PQ13126/20 to the Minister for Health which has been passed to the HSE for reply.

I can confirm that frontline healthcare workers are no longer required to take annual leave for Childcare purposes. There is remaining an outstanding issue regarding such staff who did in certain circumstances have to avail of annual leave for such purposes during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis (Mar/Apr).

This issue has been referred to the conciliation services of the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) by the staff panel group of unions for the health services. A conciliation hearing of the WRC is scheduled to take place on Thursday, July 2nd 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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