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Dear Deputy Carty

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

#### **PQ 3547/20**

*To ask the Minister for Health if the cut to the rehabilitative training allowance will be reviewed for new entrants to courses from September 2019; the amount that has been saved by the cut from September 2019 to the end of January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

#### **HSE Response**

There is no plan to reinstate the Rehabilitative Training (RT) bonus for current recipients.

The discontinuation of the RT Bonus will yield €3.7m over a four year period and this funding will be reinvested in disability day services.

Depending on the priority need in each CHO, the savings are being used to enhance part time day service placements to full time placements and to provide a day service for people that acquire a disability and are not eligible to receive funding allocated for school leaver day services each year. People on waiting lists that have been unsuccessful in their attempts to avail of mainstream career options are also included.

To date the savings from the discontinuation of the RT bonus have been utilised to provide 22 additional placements for people that had been on a waiting list for a considerable length of time. A further 19 people that had been in receipt of a part time placement have had their hours increased to full time.

The additional savings that will accrue in 2020 will also be used to meet the needs of people on a waiting list or those that have expressed a wish to have their part time placement enhanced.

Yours sincerely,

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