

18th February 2021

Deputy Seán Canney
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Re: PQ 7869-21. To ask the Minister for Health the reason nurses who retired post-2012 are not receiving all their pension increases under the Public Service Agreement 2018 – 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Canney,

Thank you for your query in relation to pension increases for nurses who retired post 2012 under the Public Service Agreement 2018 - 2020

The pension increases due under Public Service Agreement 2018–2020 require that we obtain a breakdown of all pensionable allowances categorised into specific groups based on whether the specific allowances attract increases as part of this agreement.

The agreement only permits specific allowances i.e. allowances in the nature of pay to receive an increase.

This exercise is done at individual level as every former employee had different amounts of allowances.

We are committed to having all increases and associated arrears processed for all pensioners' post 2012 by the end of Quarter 2 2021.

We had anticipated that this work would be completed sooner but some of our resources have been reallocated to deal with the Covid 19 pandemic.

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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