



27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Deputy Joan Collins, TD  
Dáil Eireann  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ: 44993/20**

To ask the Minister for Health if pay restoration applies to posts established by the drug and alcohol task forces and funded through the HSE with interim funding for the purpose of its costing exercise for pay restoration; if the HSE included all the posts and projects as section 39 funded (details supplied); if the HSE and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform are committed to providing the additional funding needed to pay for pay restoration; if not, if the HSE is expecting the projects to find the funding from elsewhere; and if pay restoration is part of the deal as described in the media recently.

Dear Deputy Collins,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

There are a number of services funded through HSE Section 39 Drugs Initiative funding. A verification and validation process on the restoration of pay, covered by the Work Relations Commission agreement of December 2020 is underway in the HSE in relation to Section 39 organisations and includes these Drug Initiative projects. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by the end of February.

The HSE does not fund the posts referred to by the Deputy; there are a number of other services supported by the Drug and Alcohol Task Forces and funded through the Department of Health through other channels of funding. I understand that the Department of Health provides funding to this project through the Department of Justice and it is not subject to the HSE Section 39 Governance Framework.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', written in a cursive style.

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Joseph Doyle  
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