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Deputy Richard O'Donoghue,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 20831/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if discussions are expected to give clarity to the section 38 works; when they will receive their Covid payments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Details Supplied: it is causing upset to these workers who worked tirelessly during the Covid 19 pandemic as to the uncertainty as to when they will receive the payment**

**-Richard O'Donoghue**

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Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

All eligible HSE/Section 38 employees employed for the duration of the period between 1st of March 2020 and 30th of June 2021 shall have their payment processed automatically by their local HR as soon as possible. For those employees who left, or moved employment within the period, they will be required to complete the appropriate Declaration Form to request payment. This should be submitted by the 30th June 2022.

Details of the pandemic special recognition payment can be found at the following link, including a frequently asked questions document which was issued by HSE National HR relating to both HSE and Section 38 staff.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/hr-circulars/hr-circular-012-2022-pandemic-special-recognition-payment.html>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne O'Neill', written over a horizontal line.

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Yvonne O'Neill,  
Interim National Director,  
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