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**PQ/61694/22**

**"To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 903 of 8 November 2022, the date that his Department intends to issue the €1,000 Covid-19 pandemic bonus payment to Section 39 agency staff (County Roscommon Disability Support Group, Derrane, Roscommon, Co Roscommon); and if he will make a statement on the matter".**

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice

I refer to PQ/61694/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and due for response on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning "further to Parliamentary Question No. 903 of 8 November 2022, the date that his Department intends to issue the €1,000 Covid-19 pandemic bonus payment to Section 39 agency staff (County Roscommon Disability Support Group, Derrane, Roscommon, Co Roscommon); and if he will make a statement on the matter. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

I have been in contact with our Finance Department who have advised me that there has been no change since my last response of the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022. A process is currently being finalised nationally in relation to the pandemic special recognition payment for staff working in Section 39 Agencies. Once finalised, the HSE will await funding from the Department of Health for distribution to the relevant Agencies.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

*pp Maura Monaghan*

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