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PQ 41229/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that worked from home in full or in part in 2020 and 2021 that are eligible for Covid recognition payment; and the number of those that waived and or gifted the payment back to the State. -Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was sent to the HSE for response.

To advise the Deputy that a central register of persons that worked form home in full or in part in 2020 and 2021 has not been maintained centrally.

HR Circular 012/2022 and FAQ document outlines the eligibility criteria for the Covid Recognition Payment <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/hr-circulars/hr-circular-012-2022-pandemic-special-recognition-payment.html> It states the Recognition Payment only applies where an employee was working **in Covid-19 exposed environments** during the period 1st of March 2020 to 30th of June 2021. This environment does not include the employees' home.

We are not aware of any employee who waived or gifted the payment back to the state.

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

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