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PQ 29047/22 To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the issues with the HSE national payroll system which caused the delay in the payment of the pandemic bonus payment to eligible HSE staff in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Ged Nash

Dear Deputy,

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

More than 60,000 individuals across the health service (statutory and Section 38s) have received the bonus payment, as of week ending 26th June, 2022. Now that the initial payments have started, we expect the rest to follow quickly. Determination as to who is eligible is made locally but we expect in the region of 100,000 staff to receive the payment.

Processing payments for staff is complex and time consuming, and whilst the pace of payment for the Pandemic award was initially slow as assessments regarding qualifying criteria were conducted carefully by local managers, it has significantly picked up over the last payroll period.

Whilst we cannot say when exactly the final payment will be made, it is our intention to have the majority of eligible employees paid in the coming weeks. We thank staff for their patience whilst we continue to process the payments.

Yours sincerely,

**Marie O'Sullivan
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