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**PQ 34711/22: To ask the Minister for Health if agency staff working with patients in HSE facilities will receive the pandemic bonus payment; the person or body that is responsible for the decision as to which staff receive the payment in each hospital setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Naughton

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

Staff who meet the eligibility requirements of HSE HR Circular 12/2022 are entitled to payment of the pandemic Recognition Award. The eligibility criteria requires an employee to have worked in a Covid 19 exposed environment for a minimum of 4 weeks between 1/3/2020 and 30/6/2021 and to have been properly vaccinated in Cohorts 1 and 2 of the vaccination programme.

The Department of Health have advised the HSE that it shall shortly publish information for those other employees covered by the Government Decision and the process available to their employers to implement this measure for their eligible staff. This shall cover Agency roles working in the HSE.

Yours sincerely,

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