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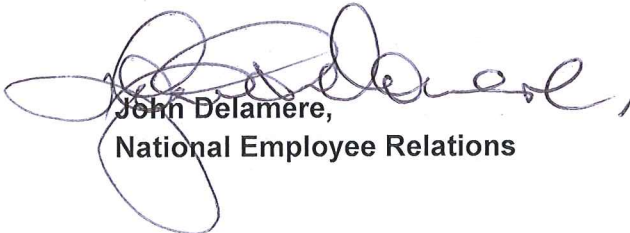
**PQ 22263/22: To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the pandemic recognition payment to clerical staff working on the frontline vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Connolly

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

HSE HR Circular 12/2022 sets out the conditions under which the Special Pandemic Recognition Award will be paid. Only those staff meeting the eligibility criteria contained therein are entitled to the 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.

Yours sincerely,



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