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**PQ 25220/22 To ask the Minister for Health if he anticipates any difficulty or delay in payment of the €1,000 pandemic bonus payment wherein a qualifying individual is now working for a new employer within a qualifying sector; to outline whether two or more employers are expected to split the cost of the pandemic bonus payment in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Nash

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.

Payment has commenced in some locations to eligible workers. Each area are continuing to identify those eligible and will be processing payments as soon as possible.

In circumstances where the current employer is a Section 38 or HSE organisation and the time spent working during the reference period was with a Section 38/HSE employer; then the payment will be made by the current employer.

Yours sincerely,



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