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PQ 55168/22 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the timeline for administering the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment to healthcare professionals working in private sector nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Emer Higgins

Dear Deputy,

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

The contract for additional capacity to support payment to those non HSE/Section 38 employers covered by the government decision has been awarded. The contracted company is working with the HSE/Department of Health to progress payments to those encompassed.

Upon receipt of funding claims from employers and appropriate checks by the contracted company/HSE on same prior to approval, payments will commence to these employers within the month of November. The employers will then pass on payment to their eligible staff.

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

Yours sincerely,

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