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**PQ 56585/22** To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 561 of 14 September 2022 and 169 of 22 June 2022, the reason for the delay in the payment of the pandemic recognition payment to eligible staff of private nursing homes; when the payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Representation 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 this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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