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PQ 52382/22: To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money that has been allocated to a third-party contractor to administer the pandemic recognition payment to non-HSE staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy,

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

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.

In relation to non HSE /non S38 staff that may be eligible for the payment, the HSE and the DOH are expediting plans for the rollout of the Pandemic Recognition Payment to non HSE /non S38 organisation types covered by the Government decision. This shall cover eligible staff in:

1. Private Sector Nursing Homes and Hospices (for example: Private, Voluntary, Section 39)
2. eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities
3. agency roles working in the HSE
4. Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE.

In order to progress payment of the Pandemic Recognition payment to eligible staff working in cohorts 1-4 above, the HSE has published an invitation to tender for a third party contractor to assist with the payment process and the contract is currently being awarded.

The third party contractor will be in touch with all employers in November 2022. Full details of the costings for the payments are not currently available.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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