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PQ 54000/22 To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 248 of 28 September 2022, the status of the payment of the Covid-19 recognition payment to eligible workers in non-HSE and non-Section 38 organisations; if a contractor is in place to assist with payment to cohorts 1-4; the timeline that he is working towards for paying all remaining staff; if payments will be issued before Christmas 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy,

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

The contract for 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 identify those encompassed and is providing guidance on the process to those employers.

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 roughly a week. The employers will then pass on payment to their eligible staff included in the claims paid.

I can advise the Deputy that payments to employers commenced this week.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Marie O'Sullivan
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