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PQ 9520/23 To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Covid pandemic payment has not yet been paid to all healthcare workers who are due to receive the payment; when all agency staff will receive the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mattie McGrath

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

KOSI was engaged by the HSE as the Scheme Administrator on 20th October 2022.

The HSE has identified a list of potential employers of front-line workers who may be eligible for the Pandemic Special Recognition Payment (PSRP) in the following cohorts:

- (1) Private Sector long-term residential care facilities for older people (nursing homes) and hospices, whether they be Private, Voluntary, Section 39;
- (2) Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities;
- (3) Agency/contract staff who worked in clinical settings for the HSE or within Cohorts 1, 2 and 4 (e.g. an nurse, doctor, cleaner, paramedic);
- (4) Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE.

KOSI is continue to engage with agencies meeting the criteria and the process for Employers to claim for current and former employees eligible for PSRP has been outlined.

Payments have commenced to the employers who submitted applications that have passed the verification process. **The HSE are not dealing with individual employee queries, instead employees are asked to link with their employers in the first instance with regard to their eligibility.**

As of 28th February 2023, 881 claim packs have been issued and 699 packs have been returned through the scheme portal.

KOSI has completed the processing of 574 employer claim packs (82% of claim packs received). However it should be noted that claims continue to be received and assessed on a daily basis.

All employer claims are evaluated by the KOSI PSRP team, this is a necessary time consuming process which also involves correcting errors and eliminating duplications and incorrect claims. KOSI continues to assess the submissions received to identify ineligible and duplicated claims which have to be eliminated before claims are approved for payment . It should be noted that **not all employers have submitted their claims**. The team is fully committed and is processing claims as quickly as possible.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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