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PQ 1450/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of appeals that have been received in his Department for the HSE pandemic bonus payment; the timeline for a decision on these; and the reason that certain grades in the vast majority of CHO areas have received this payment while the same grade in other CHO's have been refused. - Robert Troy

Dear Deputy,

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

An Appeals process was established to review the written submissions of individuals who were not approved for the pandemic recognition and an Appeals Board has been appointed, independent of the HSE, who are making significant progress in reaching decisions on the appeals submitted.

The Board have committed to contacting each individual applicant and his/her manager to inform of their decision in relation to the appeals received, however, due to the high number of applicants and the time taken to consider each case, it has been decided not to release the outcome of the appeal process on an individual basis until such time as the review is complete for all applicants.

Therefore, it is expected that communication on behalf of the Appeal Board to applicants and their managers will take place in January/February 2023 and the HSE will not be in a position to provide any further information before this date.

The HSE would like to thank all of those who applied for their patience to date and to assure that the Appeal Board is working as fast as possible to complete this review.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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