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**PQ 1616/23** To ask the Minister for Health the number of pandemic recognition payments made to HSE employees in each of the months April to December 2022 and to-date in January 2023; the number of payments outstanding in this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy,

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

From April 2022 to January 2023, 85,945 payments have been made to HSE employees.

HR Circular 012/2022, HR Circular 014/2022, and the attached FAQ clearly identifies the eligible employees and the processes required to implement the circular and process payments. Governance of this payment is delegated to the CHO Chief Officers and Hospital Group CEOs and an appeal process has been put in place to address any appeals.

At this stage we would anticipate that there should not be a significant number of HSE directly employed staff or S38 agency staff with an established entitlement left to receive a payment, with the exception of those involved in the appeals process referenced above.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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