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**PQ 1619/23** To ask the Minister for Health the number of pandemic recognition payments made to private nursing home staff 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.

On 20 October 2022 KOSI Corporation Ltd (KOSI) was engaged by HSE as Scheme Administrator for non-HSE and non-Section 38 employers with eligible employees from the following cohorts:

- (1) Private sector long-term residential care facilities for older people (nursing homes) and hospices, whether they be private, voluntary or Section 39 organisations.
- (2) Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities.
- (3) Agency and contract staff who worked in clinical settings for the HSE or within cohorts 1, 2 and 4 (for example a nurse, doctor, paramedic, cleaner, caterer or security staff).
- (4) Health care support assistants (home help, home care or home support) contracted to the HSE.

KOSI began engaging directly with employers whose employees potentially meet the criteria on 1 November 2022 outlining to employers the process to be followed to claim for current and former employees eligible for the Pandemic Special Recognition Payment (PSRP).

In order for workers to receive payment, a claim must first be made on their behalf by their employer/previous employer. The process requires claims to be validated to eliminate invalid, ineligible and multiple claims as only eligible employees are entitled to a PSRP and employees are eligible to no more than one PSRP.

KOSI are continuing to work with organisations to amend, clarify and validate claims. The number of payments outstanding is not known.

Month	Number of Private Nursing Homes paid	No of employees payments relate i.e. for onward distribution by Employer
November 2022	51	2,399
December 2022	160	11,401
To 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	128	9,934
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>23,734</b>

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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