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Dear Deputy Dillon

RE: PQ31027, PQ31028, PQ31029, PQ31030, PQ31031, PQ31032 Pension and Pension increase related queries.

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, submitted by you to the Minister for Health. This matter has been referred to me for response on behalf of the HSE.

All HSE retirees under my control except for former Hospital Consultants will have processed for arrears between 01/09/2017 - 01/10/2022 by the end of June 2023.

The increase effective from 01/03/2023 will be processed and paid in July 2023.

Pensioners will receive automatic increases to their pension once the circular has been issued. There are no requirements to "apply" for pension increases because of pay awards.

HSE retirees are issued with a first pensioner letter at the point they become pensioners and the letter contains specific information re payroll processing, on line payslips, pay dates and in addition there is other information contained in the acknowledgement letter issued to impending retirees when they submit their retirement form. The dedicated contact numbers are issued for payroll.

At present there is no written documentation issued to pensioners when arrears are being processed because of a change in pension. We will be looking at options to notify pensioners of changes / arrears.

We will be in a position by the end of July 2023 that all increases and arrears will be processed and paid. This will include the increase effective from 01/03/2023. We anticipate that pension increases will be processed and paid within two months of the circular issuing authorising the increase.

If you require any further information, please do not he sitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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