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PQ 11094/23 To ask the Minister for Health the reason some eligible non-HSE Section 38 healthcare employees (details supplied) covered by the Government decision have still not received the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment; the reason this is the case; and when these workers will receive payment. - Mary Lou McDonald

Details supplied: 1. Private sector/independent nursing homes and hospices; 2. Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities; 3. Agency roles working in the HSE; 4. Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE

PQ 11095/23 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the rollout and processing of the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment to eligible non-HSE/Section 38 healthcare employees (details supplied) covered by the Government; the number of payments that have been made by HSE and a company to date; and the number awaiting processing for payment. -Mary Lou McDonald

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Dear Deputy,

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

The HSE can advise processing is completed on 86% of claims received, Total paid to date (22/03/2023) is €51.2 million, approving payment to 55,816 employees. Organisations approved for payment per cohort are as follows;

Cohort	Organisations	No. of Organisations Claimed	No. of Organisations processed for payment	No of organisations not qualified	Percentage Cleared
Cohort 1	Private sector/independent nursing homes and hospices	447	433		97%
Cohort 2	Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities	77	51	4	71%
Cohort 3	Agency/Contractor roles working in the HSE	65	19	1	31%
Cohort 4	Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE	130	115		88%



Cohort 3 Agency and Contractor packs were received later than other cohorts as contractor packs were issued later, contractors had more supporting evidence to compile and agencies have a larger number of employees and employee locations to collate.

It is not possible to confirm how many persons are awaiting payment as claims continue to be received from employers on a daily basis and no deadline has been set by HSE for employers to submit their claims. The team is fully committed and is processing claims as quickly as possible.

The Government has expressed sincere gratitude to all healthcare workers for their efforts during what has been a challenging period for our health services. The Department appreciates that those who do not qualify for this particular payment may feel disappointed, and that they too have made a significant contribution to the State's response to the pandemic but it was a difficult decision to set the boundaries here.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie O'Sullivan".

Marie O'Sullivan
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