

Oifig an Phríomhoifigigh Airgeadais Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte Seomra 125, Ospidéal Dr. Steevens BÁC 8 Office of the Chief Financial Officer Health Service Executive Room 125, Dr Steevens Hospital Dublin 8

15th March 2023

Deputy Thomas Pringle TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re PQ 12122 23: To ask the Minister for Health when additional funding announced in Budget 2023 to aid Section 39 organisations in the context of the cost-of-living crisis will be made available; whether, in addition to once-off payments, his Department intends to restore funding to these organisations in order that workers in the sector will see their increments reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dept. Instructions: Referred to HSE: Please respond directly to the Deputy in relation to an update on the once-off payment timelines.

Dear Deputy Pringle,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

The Department of Health has worked with the HSE to finalise the scope and basis for distributing the allocation of €81 million from the government's 'Inflation Fund' across over 1400 eligible provider organisations. A full list of these organisations within scope of the fund and the amounts each will receive has already been published. The payments to these eligible organisations have already commenced and it is expected that the majority of these payments will have been completed by the end of March 2023.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>sarah.anderson1@hse.ie</u> or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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