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PQ 14153/23 To ask the Minister for Health the voluntary and private sector employers in counties Cavan and Monaghan who received the pandemic special recognition payment for staff they employed that were eligible for the payment; the amount received by each employer; the number of staff employed by each that were deemed eligible for the payment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response. This response is a follow up response to your initial PQ. You advised that the response to your initial PQ was not fully answered.

To advise the Deputy that the information requested specifically for Cavan Monaghan is not available in the format requested, as payments were made to organisations based on their companies registered address and not the individual location where they provide services.

However, we can provide the details below. The Deputy will notice that almost all claims in Cohorts 1, 2 and 4 are paid. In the event of the Deputy having a specific concern relating to a particular cohort/area/organisation - we would be happy to follow up on the specific question.

KOSI was appointed by the HSE on 20 October 2022 to administer the Pandemic Payment for eligible employees of Non-HSE and Non-Section 38 Employer Organisations. On 1st November 2022 754 claim packs were issued to potential employers of eligible employees.

Additional employers requesting a pack have been asked to provide information which is reviewed before the issue of a claim pack is approved. Between November 2022 and March 2023 there have been 23 further issues of claim packs to 136 employers of potentially eligible employees.

As of 6 April 2023, 890 claim packs have been issued and 727 packs have been returned through the scheme portal.

A total of €56.02 million has been paid to date to 61,074 employees. This relates to approved payments to 634 employer organisations.

A summary of progress by cohort is identified below:

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	444		99%
Cohort 2	Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities	77	60	4	83%
Cohort 3	Agency/Contractor roles working in the HSE	72	32	1	46%
Cohort 4	Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE	131	119		91%



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.

The KOSI PSRP team has dealt with more than 6,000 emails and more than 3,000 calls.

On 28 March 2023 KOSI established a separate portal for employees who do not have an employer to claim a PSRP on their behalf. To date invites to the portal have been issued to 257 employees across 9 organisations to enable them to claim their PSRP (if eligible).

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marie O'Sullivan'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marie O'Sullivan
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