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PQ 15816/23 To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the payment of the enhanced travel and subsistence scheme for student nurses and midwives in years one to three of their training, whereby each will receive €500 per year; the details of the Departmental circular outlining the details of the enhanced scheme; the number of payments that have been made to-date under the enhanced scheme; the number of such payments outstanding; the reason for any delays in making the payments; 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.

The Department of Health issued a circular regarding Payment of Clinical Placement Allowances to Undergraduate Supernumerary Nursing and Midwifery Students. This follows the Government decision in December and more recent funding approval from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The allowances are intended as a contribution toward the cost of attending a supernumerary clinical placement and may include allowances for accommodation, travel, meals and costs for uniform laundry expenses.

These revised arrangements shall apply with effect from the start of the 2022/2023 academic year.

The HSE is currently engaging with the Department of Health concerning issues relating to the implementation of these measures.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Marie O'Sullivan
National HR