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PQ 37383/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of workers who have received the Covid bonus of €1,000; the cost of the scheme to date; the number of applications still on hand to be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Éamon Ó Cuív

Dear Deputy,

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

To advise that Deputy that the Special Pandemic Bonus Payments Scheme was managed by two processes – 1. Public Sector Cohort and 2. Non-Public Sector Cohort. Please see detail below for each of these two cohorts.

1. Public Sector Cohort: (HSE and S38 Agencies)

The data below was reported to us centrally from **HSE Payroll areas**:

No of approved applications *	90,632
Payments processed	90,632
Value of payments made	€87,776,190

*Payment requests submitted to Payroll for processing

S38s: The above data excludes S38 agencies which are estimated to have paid approximately 53,146 staff to date thereby bringing the total number of employees to **143,778**. The estimate of S38 agency employees paid to date is based on vouched information received directly from the agency in response to a request from National HR to provide information on the total number of staff actually paid the pandemic bonus payment to date. Payment is now complete for this cohort.

2. Non-public sector cohorts:

HSE and external contractor KOSI Corporation are rolling out the payment to cohorts 1-4 (as per table below)

- As of 22/09/23, funding to 746 organisations for **77,744** staff has totalled €70.3m:

Cohort	Info packs sent	Funding applications received (22 September 23)	Organisations processed for payment*
1. Private Sector/Independent Nursing Homes and Hospices	454	449	449
2. Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities	101	83	71
3. Agency roles working in the HSE	164	96	91
4. Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE	146	132	135
Total	866	760	746

*There is a short time between processing for payment and the issuance of funds.



- It is important to note that Agency and Contractor claims take longer to process due to complexity.

The information above reflects the position as at 22nd September.

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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