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Dear Deputy O'Sullivan

RE:PQ29947/24 To ask the Minister for Health the amount of overpayment made to healthcare workers since the conclusion of the waiver of pension abatement for frontline staff in the context of the Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Christopher O'Sullivan

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, submitted by you to the Minister for Health. This matter has been referred to me for response on behalf of the HSE.

A new circular in relation to pension abatement – 24 / 2022 – Guidance on the application of abatement of Public Service Occupational Pension, was issued by DPER in December 2022. This Circular necessitated a change in the calculation for abatement in relation to individuals in receipt of public service pensions from civil and public service bodies who are rehired by the HSE.

As and when the HSE is notified that one of our pensioners has been rehired, a pension abatement assessment is undertaken based on their rehire contract detail and where pension abatement is relevant, the individual is notified.

The total value of overpayments relating to pension abatement currently amounts to €371,029.44.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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