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**PQ 24643/24: To ask the Minister for Health to outline the entitlement to the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment for the staff of a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Stanton**

Details Supplied: Bons Secours Hospital, Cork.

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

The criteria for payment of HSE/Section 38 agencies was set out in the both the government decision and subsequent circulars.

**The HSE are not dealing with individual employee queries, instead employees are asked to link with their employers in the first instance with regard to their eligibility.**

The Bons Secours Hospital , Cork is a private company. **Please note the Department of Health have confirmed that private facilities are not encompassed by the Government Decision. The DOH and HSE do not have the mandate to change the government decision**

The Government has expressed sincere gratitude to all healthcare workers for their efforts during what has been a challenging period for our health services. The Department appreciates that those who do not qualify for this particular payment may feel disappointed, and that they too have made a significant contribution to the State's response to the pandemic but it was a difficult decision to set the boundaries here.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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