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PQ 11397/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff presently availing of the special scheme of paid leave in respect of long Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy,

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

Data on all staff absences, including COVID-19 related absence is collected nationally and is reported monthly as the HSE National Absence Report which is published on the HSE website. Please see link below

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/absence.html>

(We are working with agencies to collate the backdated data due to the lift of Forsa action which we hope will be available later this month.)

This report is published monthly and provides data on all staff absences, with specific data on COVID-19 related absence (this includes combined data for Special Leave With Pay COVID-19 and Temporary COVID-19 Scheme effective 1st July 2022), in addition to both certified and self-certified absence. National Absence is calculated as a percentage rate based on lost time (hours) over the available time (hours). It is not reported as headcount, but rather as a percentage rate of absence.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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