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PQ 26551/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare workers that have now received the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was sent to the HSE for response.

Approximately 13,000 individuals across the health service have received the bonus payment, as of week ending 27th May. Now that the initial payments have started, we expect the rest to follow quickly. Determination as to who is eligible is made locally but we expect in the region of 100,000 staff to receive the payment.

Processing payments for staff is complex and time consuming, and whilst the pace of payment for the Pandemic award was initially slow as assessments regarding qualifying criteria were conducted carefully by local managers, it has significantly picked up over the last payroll period.

Whilst we cannot say when exactly the final payment will be made, it is our intention to have the majority of eligible employees paid in the coming weeks. We thank staff for their patience whilst we continue to process the payments.

Yours sincerely,

Marie O'Sullivan
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