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PQ 13892/24: To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) contracted to distribute pandemic payments, has yet to distribute all payments to section 39 providers; what actions his Department has taken to ensure completion of the terms of the contract with the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Details Supplied KOSI

Dear Deputy,

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

Only Section 39 employees falling into the following Government approved categories are eligible for the Pandemic Payment;

- (1) Private Sector Nursing Homes and Hospices (e.g., Private, Voluntary, Section 39 etc.)
- (2) Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities
- (3) Agency roles working in the HSE
- (4) Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help/ home care/ home support) contracted to the HSE

All eligible Section 39 applications to date have been paid with the exception of one claim still held for payment as KOSI are awaiting responses to queries issued to the Section 39 organisation in 2023. The HSE is not aware of any Section 39 agency awaiting payment for finalised claims.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Marie O'Sullivan
National HR