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PQ ref 26012/24 "*To ask the Minister for Health when employees of a section 39 company (details supplied) which tendered for homecare work will receive an increase in their standard hourly rate of payment which also takes into account auto enrolment, increases in sick pay, licencing costs, insurance costs and inflation, having regard to a recent Workplace Relations Commission decision on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*" **Seán Haughey, TD**
Details Supplied: Northside Homecare Services, Coolock, Dublin 17

Dear Deputy Haughey,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Northside Home Care Services (NHCS) is a not-for-profit organisation providing home support and a meals on wheels services to circa 1000 service users within Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC). The organisation is a designated section 39 agency and is funded by the Health Service Executive (HSE) through renewal of agreed annual service arrangements.

Section 39 agencies including NHCS are receiving the new HSE Older Person's tender rate of base totalling €31 an hour, plus premium rates for out of hours and Sundays/bank holidays, since August/September 2023. Rates for Disability home Support have increased in line with Older Persons tender rates over past 2 years.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

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Ms Olive Hanley
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