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Re: Technology Days for Public Health Doctors

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to the issue of technology days for Public Health Doctors and to inform you that agreement has been reached between the Department of Health and Children and the Irish Medical Organisation on this issue.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter issued to the Irish Medical Organisation which outlines application of this agreement.

Yours sincerely



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Irish Medical Organisation
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Re: Technology Days for Public Health Doctors

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I refer to our recent discussions regarding the application of technology day agreements to public health doctors. I wish to advise that the Department has no objections to the application of terms of the clerical/administrative agreement to this group on the following basis :-

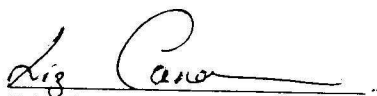
- For those public health doctors who utilise new technology
 - ↳ 2 days in the leave year 99/2000 and 2 days in the leave year 2000/2001
 - ↳ there will be no replacement, i.e. no cost, for days to be taken

Application of the deal will be a matter for employers locally. Those doctors who have already been granted leave should only be granted additional days up to a maximum of 4

Sanction for these days is in full and final settlement of any claims regarding the introduction and application of technology in the workplace. In addition, I note from our discussions that you accept that this deal cannot be applied to any other group where their agreements on pay and conditions incorporated concessions in respect of the introduction of technology.

I trust this meets your requirements. The Department will be notifying employing authorities in the coming week.

Yours sincerely,



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