

Transcript from Emails 16-17.03.2020

From: Jackie Harrington
Sent: 17 March 2020 12:36
To: Des Henry; Eoin Brown
Cc: Des Stone; Mairin Haran
Subject: RE: press enquiry

Des – thanks – that is in line with my understanding.

I have just cleared a load of tweet queries with Veronica and I asked her to hold all of these type queries.

Jackie

From: Des Henry
Sent: 17 March 2020 12:32
To: Jackie Harrington; Eoin Brown
Cc: Des Stone; Mairin Haran
Subject: RE: press enquiry

Jackie,

My understanding is as follows:

1. Text deleted – outside of scope
2. The same applies for DEA – it should not be paid to someone receiving DEA but the officer keying the forms in won't know unless the individual declares that s/he is also receiving DEA.

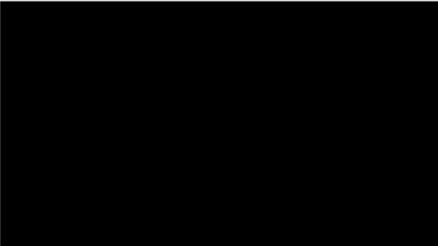
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From: Jackie Harrington
Sent: 17 March 2020 11:59
To: Eoin Brown; Des Henry
Cc: Des Stone
Subject: FW: press enquiry

Hi folks – Happy St Patricks Day to you all!

Just so that we are all on the same page – if someone is currently in employment and on SW of any type (JA/JB/Carers/OFP...) – is it proposed to have their primary payment adjusted rather than pay the new emergency payment? Is that your understanding and I note that we are yet to cover this off in the guidance?

If this is the case – will the same apply to migrants in receipt of the daily expenses allowance if someone is also in employment?

Jackie

From: Veronica Scanlan
Sent: 16 March 2020 16:38
To: Jackie Harrington
Subject: press enquiry

Hi Jackie

A journalist with the Dublin Inquirer is asking:

I'm working on a story relating to migrants concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic and I was hoping you could answer a few questions for me.

What is the status of migrants who are here on college visas now that colleges have been shut down? Can they stay and work for the time being?

If a migrant decides to return to their home country during the pandemic, can they return to Ireland?

What is the best way for migrants to avail of emergency social welfare if they lose their job during COVID-19?

Thank you

Veronica