



22 December 2015

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Dear Ged,

Thank you for your letter concerning the University of Limerick report, A Study on the Prevalence of Zero Hour Contracts among Irish Employers and their Impact on Employees.

As you may be aware, in the past two years the Health Service Executive (HSE) has moved, in conjunction with the relevant unions, to put in place contracts for home helps that guarantee a minimum number of hours. In light of this development, my Department wouldn't have any further points to make at this stage. However, I understand that you have also invited the HSE to engage in the consultation process who may have further comments to make on the findings in the report.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Health

Minister Gerald Nash TD

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