## Payment of benefits for the special schemes of the Ministry of Labor, Welfare and Social Insurance to support workers and businesses, due to COVID-19

The Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance announces that the gradual payment of special benefits has begun today, for schemes implemented to support workers and businesses due to COVID-19. Today, the Allowance for the Special Leave of Absence for Child Care and the Special Allowance for Self-employed Persons have been paid to 20,500 employees.

The payment of the remaining allowances will continue in the coming days, for those whose bank account details are available and for those who meet the requirements of the schemes.

If there are any persons who have applied for the Allowance for the Special Leave of Absence for Child Care or for the Special Allowance for Self-employed persons who have not received the payments, this means that their applications require further processing and they will be notified by text message in the coming days.

As regards civil servants and employees in the wider public sector who have applied for the Special Leave of Absence for Child Care, relevant arrangements will be made with the corresponding accounting offices for the payment of their benefits, taking into account that their salaries were paid at the end of March.

In the coming days, the payment of the benefits related to the Special Sick Leave Allowance and the Special Unemployment Benefit for the Complete Suspension of Business and Partial Suspension of Business Schemes will be paid to those who are considered beneficiaries and whose bank account details have been confirmed and their applications require no further processing.