

**NIB SICKNESS BENEFIT COMMERCIAL**

*Hi, this is Michael Dean, Assistant Manager of your National Insurance Programme*

*The commercial is right. If you're an employee or self-employed person, and have paid at least 26 weeks contributions;*

*and have paid at least 8 out of 13 weeks contributions of the last 26 weeks before you become ill, you can qualify for sickness benefits and can be paid 60% of your average weekly salary from the 4<sup>th</sup> day of your illness up to a maximum of 6 months.*

*Just submit your claim form within 6 days of becoming ill. If you apply after 6 days, you must submit a letter explaining why the claim is late- any claims submitted after more than 3 months late may be denied.*

*It truly does pay to pay and remember. Its your money – you have the right to know!*