

Diffuse Mesothelioma Payment Scheme (DMPS)

Oversight Committee

Meeting to discuss sample of 20 redacted cases

5 April 2017

14:30-16:00

Room 3.43 Caxton House

Minutes

Attendees:

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| Baroness Rita Donaghy | Chair |
| Bridget Collier | Association of Personal Injury Lawyers |
| Hugh Robertson | Trades Union Congress |
| Hazel Norton-Hale | DWP |
| Stuart Whitney | DWP |

Apologies:

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| Annette Loakes | DWP |
| Laurence Besemer | Forum of Insurance Lawyers |
| Graham Dring | Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum |
| Stephen Bellingham | Royal Sun Alliance Insurers |

1. Welcome and introductions

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies.
- The Chair called this meeting of the Committee to give members the opportunity to discuss the redacted cases they reviewed as well those looked at by the other members to see a broader selection of the 20.

2. Discussion

- The members present conveyed their findings on the individual cases they reviewed. The Chair also read out the reviews carried out by members who were unable to make the meeting but had provided written feedback.
- At the conclusion of the review of the cases there followed a more general discussion on the exercise.
- A total of 16 redacted cases had been examined by members of the Committee with 4 still to come. (These 4 cases were subsequently reviewed).
- In some cases there was some confusion about the sequence of dates. It was explained that the considerable photocopying exercise had introduced some dates

which were not relevant to the casework. Apart from this the Committee agreed that the administration of the Scheme as illustrated by the cases studied was very satisfactory and that, in some cases, considerable effort had been made to ensure that information was provided at the appropriate time. The applicant or their representatives had been kept fully informed at all stages.

- It was the second exercise of this kind undertaken by the Committee since the inception of the Scheme and it was agreed that it was very worthwhile.
- The Committee was also agreeable to their findings being made available to the Scheme Administrator, Gallagher Bassett International.

3. AOB

- The opportunity was taken to set a provisional date for the next full meeting of the Committee. The 9 May 2017 (13.00-14.30) was agreed upon.
- DWP secretariat will be in contact to confirm the formal arrangements for the next meeting planned for 9 May.