

Judicial Pension Board

Key issues discussed at the meeting held on 23rd January 2019.

Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme (FPJPS)

The Board were updated on the work of the Ministry of Justice's Judicial Pay and Pensions team on the backlog of data queries and team changes to provide additional resources and management of queries on receipt. The Board were also informed of planned system improvements to address underlying data issues.

Administration

The Board heard a verbal update from the Chair of the Administration Committee and reviewed the Xafinity Punter Southall Administration Limited (XPS) quarterly administration report for the period ending 31st December 2018.

The Board were advised XPS had cleared the backlog of casework as at 31 October 2018 and that FPJPS pre-commencement retirements and death cases were all completed, with the exception of a small number awaiting responses from beneficiaries. The Board were told of improvements to the Judicial Pension Scheme (JPS) administration resulting from automation work, which is to be extended further.

The Board were made aware of the upcoming Board Members' Annual Assessment and work with the Government Actuary's Department on the factor review. The Board were informed of a programme of works being scoped to deliver the O'Brien judgment and updated on preparations for FPJPS undertaking claims, for members who were worse off from a tax perspective due to the retrospective introduction of FPJPS.

Internal Dispute Resolution and Appeal Cases

The Board considered two cases under the JPS Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure.

Date of next meeting: 20th March 2019.