

## **Judicial Pensions Board Administration Committee**

### **Key issues discussed at the meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2021**

#### **Administration**

The Deputy Director for Pensions Operations advised the Committee that XPS had cleared its backlog. XPS was working on the creation of a long-term Stability Plan which would focus upon building resilience as it moved from backlog recovery to more sustained effective performance. The Committee sought assurance that MoJ would be monitoring XPS performance against the Stability Plan and was advised weekly administration meetings between MoJ and XPS to discuss performance were now taking place.

XPS informed the Committee that performance against SLAs had reached 90% for April. Weekly updates on SLA performance, number of cases cleared and the position regarding ABS and PSS data reconciliation work were being provided to MoJ.

#### **Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme (FPJPS) Data Queries**

The Head of Pensions Operations confirmed MoJ had begun work with HMCTS on building a joint data strategy which would focus upon identifying data workflows and how reconciliation was carried out between partners. The Committee was advised that the Data Claims Team (DCT) was working with a backlog and was currently prioritising those cases linked to McCloud records and data required to process retirements. Resource issues on the DCT were being addressed through a recent recruitment campaign – there was also scope to move some staff from the Judicial Claims Team (JCT) to the DCT as JCT work would begin to wind down over the next few months.

#### **Government Internal Audit Agency (GIAA)**

The Deputy Head for Pensions Operations confirmed the Government Internal Audit Agency review had been completed and a draft report had been prepared. The finalised report would be shared with the Judicial Pensions Board and Administration Committee. Future audits were already being planned and the Committee was asked for views on areas it felt would be useful for the GIAA to consider.

#### **Pensions Savings Statements (PSS) and Annual Benefit Statements (ABS)**

The Committee was informed that Liberata continued to send data for the calculation of benefit statements to XPS. Further data queries were arising for XPS from each new batch of data and a regular working group had been set up and attended by MoJ, XPS and Liberata to ensure the data reconciliation work remained on track.

#### **Reformed Scheme**

XPS updated the Committee on its preparations for the introduction of the Future Reformed Scheme in April 2022 and the McCloud options exercise.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021