



Ministry of Justice

Personal Injury Discount Rate (PIDR)

Expert Panel Meeting Minutes

Thursday 25 April 2024 13:30 - 15:30

10 South Colonnade, London, E14 5EA

Expert Panel members

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Additional attendees

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Kemi Obafemi, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Justice

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Andrew Meads, Deputy Chief Economist, Ministry of Justice

Paul Butcher, Government Actuary's Department

Robert Williamson, Government Actuary's Department

1. Welcome and introduction

1.1. The Chair welcomed attendees to the eighth substantive meeting of the Expert Panel and summarised the outstanding actions from the last meeting.

1.2. The minutes from the March meetings were approved by the Panel.

1.3. The Chair asked Panel members to declare any potential new conflicts of interest arising of which there were none.

1.4. The Panel was provided an update on the timescales for the upcoming work involved before the May and June meetings. MoJ and GAD provided updates on the work that has been undertaken since the Call for Evidence closed.

1.5. RW updated the Panel on the changes that had been made to the assumptions papers to reflect their comments at the previous two meetings.

2. Expert Panel Report: GAD analytical report

2.1. PB introduced the item. The Expert Panel's report to the Lord Chancellor will contain analytical and non-analytical content, with the GAD analytical report annexed. GAD prepared a draft of the structure for the analytical content to support the Panel in deciding what approach they would like to take for this.

2.2. The Panel provided input on the structure and a broad agreement was reached on how they wanted to proceed.

3. Expert Panel Report

3.1. RP introduced the item. MoJ have prepared a first draft of the overarching framework for the Panel's report to the Lord Chancellor, based on factual information in the Background Note (formerly known as the Shared Understanding Document) and the Expert Panel's further instructions.

3.2. MoJ will support the drafting of the report on instruction from the Panel and continue to assist with the factual background and evidence received. The Panel will draft their final conclusions and any recommendations.

3.3. The Panel discussed the structure of the report and initial topics that could be included in the final report and how it interacts with the GAD analytical report.

4. Next agenda and forward look

4.1. The Chair gave an overview of the agenda for the next meeting on 21 May 2024 when the Panel will discuss some of the assumptions papers which will have been updated following analysis of the Call for Evidence responses.

4.2. RP provided an update on the Background Note which has been developed further following previous discussions.

4.3. The meeting concluded.