



Ministry of Justice

Personal Injury Discount Rate (PIDR) Expert Panel Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 15 July 2024 13:30 – 17:00

10 South Colonnade, London, E14 5EA

Apologies:

Donald Taylor

Expert Panel members

Fiona Dunsire (Chair)

Charl Cronje

Dr Rebecca Driver

Edward Tomlinson

Additional attendees

Rachel Powell, Head of Civil Justice and Law, Ministry of Justice

Josh Ivinson, Policy Lead, Ministry of Justice

Kemi Obafemi, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Justice

Andrew Meads, Deputy Chief Economist, Ministry of Justice

Paul Butcher, Government Actuary's Department

Liam Daly, Government Actuary's Department

Wan Fan, MoJ Legal Adviser, Government Legal Department

1. Welcome and introduction

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

1.2. The minutes from the June meeting and interim meeting in July will be provided to the Panel for their approval following this meeting.

1.3. The Chair asked Panel members to raise any conflicts of interest or declarations arising, of which there were none.

1.4. MoJ reminded the Panel of outstanding actions.

2. GAD Analytical Report

2.1. The Panel discussed various aspects of the GAD Analytical Report, including suggestions for greater clarity and additional information.

2.2. GAD committed to providing a further iteration of the report, taking on board these comments, ahead of the August meeting.

3. Expert Panel Report

3.1. MoJ and the Chair updated the Panel on work to date to support the Expert Panel in drafting their report. Comments were discussed with Panel members and a number of changes agreed for the next version.

3.2. The Chair reminded the Panel of the timetable for finalising drafting the report, which was agreed.

3.3. The Panel agreed to schedule a working meeting between the August and September meetings, to work on drafting the report, should this be required.

4. Legal Advice from First Treasury Counsel

4.1. MoJ Legal provided a verbal summary of the written advice from counsel, and of a subsequent conference which the Chair had also attended. Supplementary advice summarising that conference will be shared with the Panel.

5. Next Agenda and forward look

5.1. The GAD analytical report and the Expert Panel report will be discussed at the Expert Panel meeting on 22 August 2024.