



Ministry of Justice

Personal Injury Discount Rate (PIDR) Expert Panel Meeting Minutes

Thursday 22 August 2024 09:30 – 13:00

10 South Colonnade, London, E14 5EA

Expert Panel members

Fiona Dunsire (Chair)

Charl Cronje

Dr Rebecca Driver

Edward Tomlinson

Donald Taylor

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

Zalwa Alasow, Policy Advisor, Ministry of Justice

Matt Essery, Analyst, Ministry of Justice

Andrew Meads, Deputy Chief Economist, Ministry of Justice

Paul Butcher, Government Actuary's Department

1. Welcome and introduction

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

1.2. The minutes from the June meeting, interim meeting in July, and July meeting, were approved by the Panel.

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

1.4. MoJ verbally shared Advice from Counsel with the Panel, which they will also receive written format once available.

2. Call for Evidence

2.1. The Panel discussed various aspects of the Call for Evidence and how this evidence is used in the Expert Panel report.

2.2 MoJ confirmed that a Government Response to the Call for Evidence would not be published before the Lord Chancellor makes her determination of the rate for this review.

3. Assumptions papers

3.1. The Panel discussed various aspects of the assumptions papers, their consistency with the evidence available to the Panel, and how they are used in the Expert Panel report.

3.2. The evidence used by the Panel will be included in the GAD annex to the Expert Panel report.

4. GAD Analytical Report

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

4.2. GAD committed to providing a further iteration of the report, taking on board these comments, ahead of the working meeting on 4 September 2024.

5. Expert Panel Report

5.1. MoJ and the Chair updated the Panel on work to date to support the Expert Panel in drafting their report and the delegation of future work. Comments were discussed with Panel members and various updates and suggestions were taken away.

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

5.3. The Panel agreed to attend a further focused drafting session on 4 September 2024, to continue work on drafting the report.

5.4. It was noted that the Expert Panel's report would be shared with Counsel for comment after that drafting meeting and before the report is submitted to the Lord Chancellor.

6. Next Agenda and forward look

6.1. The Expert Panel will meet to conduct further drafting of their report on 4 September 2024. As this is a working meeting it will not have published minutes.

6.2. The next full meeting of the Expert Panel will be 11 September 2024.