



Ministry of Justice

Personal Injury Discount Rate (PIDR) Expert Panel Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 11 September 2024 13:30 – 16:30

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
Liam Daly, Government Actuary's Department

1. Welcome and introduction

- 1.1. The Chair welcomed attendees to the thirteenth substantive meeting of the Expert Panel and confirmed there were no outstanding actions from the last meeting.
- 1.2. The minutes from the August 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.

2. Legal advice

- 2.1 The Panel discussed various aspects of Counsel's advice regarding the framework for the review, and with a focus on the Lord Chancellor's considerations to help the Panel frame their report.

3. Expert Panel Report

3.1. The Chair summarised the continued work that had been undertaken to update the Expert Panel draft report, following a further round of comments and suggestions from the Panel. Comments were discussed with Panel members and changes were agreed for a next version of the report.

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

3.3. The Panel agreed to attend a remote meeting on 18 September 2024, to continue this work.

4. GAD Analytical Report

4.1. The Panel briefly discussed various aspects of the GAD Analytical Report, including minor suggestions for greater clarity, alignment, and cross-referencing with the Panel's report.

4.2. GAD committed to providing a further iteration of the report, taking on board these comments, ahead of the next meeting on 18 September 2024.

5. Next Agenda and forward look

5.1. The Expert Panel will next meet on 18 September 2024. The Expert Panel report will be published at the end of the PIDR review.