Note for Publication with the Tribunal's Annual Report

Tribunal Accounts

Section 35 of the CervicalCheck Tribunal Act 2019 places a requirement on the CervicalCheck Tribunal to submit an annual report to the Minister for Health not later than six months after the end of each financial year. The Act also provides that the Tribunal shall include particulars of its accounts in its annual report and that the Minister may publish the report as he or she thinks fit.

In its report, the Tribunal provided details of each payment made by the Department on behalf of the Tribunal during the year, including payments before and after the Tribunal's establishment. Although it is not intended to publish the individual payments, the Department has summarised the information into categories which are set out in the table below. The table did not form part of the Tribunal's report:

Category	Amount
Cleaning	€9,945
Furniture & Fixtures	€139,243
IT/AV	€45,669
Legal	€9,942
Office	€5,644
Printing	€6,256
Security	€424
Total	€217,123

Cost of Staffing the Tribunal

The cost of staffing the Tribunal in 2020, including both set up and operational costs post establishment, was €199,728. This figure includes employer's PRSI.

In respect of the Tribunal Members, under the 2019 Act the Minister for Health is required to determine the remuneration of Tribunal Members other than those who are serving judges of the Superior Courts. The ordinary member of the Tribunal who is a retired judge of the Court of Appeal is paid at the rate of remuneration currently applicable to a judge of that Court.

Please note that figures for 2020 are subject to change until the C&AG have certified the Department's Financial Statements for 2020.

Claims received by the Tribunal

The Tribunal has been in a position to receive claims since the appointment of the Members on 1 December 2020. No claims were received by the Tribunal in 2020. However, the Tribunal provided information on the number of claims received by the Tribunal up to the time it submitted its annual report. The position as of October 2021, is that the Tribunal has indicated to the Department that it has received eight claims, and that these claims were made to the Tribunal by ten people. The claims received are a combination of claims transferred from the High Court and new claims i.e. claims that were not the subject of proceedings before the High Court.