

**Annual Report of
The Residential
Institutions
Redress Board
2007**

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FOREWORD

This report is submitted to the Minister for Education and Science pursuant to section 26(1) of the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002.

In May of 2007 the Honourable Mr. Justice Bryan McMahon was appointed as chairman of the Board following the untimely death on December 22nd 2006 of our previous chairman, the Honourable Mr. Justice Seán O'Leary. Judge McMahon has since returned to full time judicial duties in the Four Courts and has been succeeded as Chairman on January 3rd 2008 by the Honourable Mr. Justice Esmond Smyth. The Board wishes to thank Mr. Justice McMahon for all he contributed as Chairman and wish him well on his return to the Courts.

The Board sat throughout the year and completed the process in 2,631 cases making a total of 9,922 at the end of the year.

The Board continues to owe an immense debt to its dedicated and hard working staff who perform a difficult task under the leadership of Mr Michael O'Beirne in the highest traditions of the public service. The Board remains fortunate in having an outstanding legal team headed by its two full-time lawyers Mr John McDonagh SC and Ms Sharon Moohan Solicitor.

The Board enjoys a good relationship with the appropriate section of the Department of Education and Science and notes that the independence of the Board continues to be respected and reflected in any necessary contact.

The Board remains mindful that individual applicants and their legal advisers continue to assist greatly in the finalisation and processing of the applications and that those who represent any institutions which are the subject of applications (referred to in the Act as Relevant Persons) continue to assist in what is for them a difficult task.

The Board's Mission

The Residential Institutions Redress Board was established under the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002 to make financial awards to assist in the recovery of certain persons who as children were abused while resident in certain institutions in the State and who have or have had injuries that are consistent with that abuse.

Membership & Functions of the Board

The Redress Board, which was established on 16th December 2002 under the provisions of section 3 of the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002 (The Act), consists of a Chairperson and 11 ordinary members appointed by the Minister for Education & Science. These are:

The Honourable Mr. Justice Esmond Smyth	appointed 3 rd January 2008*
Professor Desmond Greer	appointed 16 th December 2002
Dr. Helen Cummiskey	appointed 16 th December 2002
Dr. Ruth Pilkington	appointed 16 th December 2002
Ms. Ann O'Brien B.L.	appointed 23 rd May 2003
Dr. Mary Bluett	appointed 25 th September 2003
Ms. Dariona Conlon, Solicitor	appointed 8 th January 2004
Dr. Fionnuala O'Loughlin	appointed 27 th April 2004
Mr. John A. Campbell, Solicitor	appointed 27 th April 2004
Dr. Harry Bugler	appointed 15 th December 2004
Ms. Samantha Cruess Callaghan B.L.	appointed 20 th October 2005
Dr. William Delaney	appointed 27 th February 2006

Since Establishment Day the number of Board members has increased from 4 to 12.

As provided in the Act, the Board and its members are wholly independent in the performance of their duties.

Section 5 of the Act provides that the Board has two main functions. The first is to make all reasonable efforts, through public advertisement, direct correspondence and otherwise, to ensure that persons who were residents of an institution listed in the Act are made aware of the existence of the Board, so that they may consider making an application for redress.

It is then the Board's function in relation to each case in which an application is made to determine whether the applicant is entitled to an award, and, if so, to make an award in accordance with the Act which is fair and reasonable having regard to the unique circumstances of the applicant.

In the performance of these functions, the members of the Board are assisted by –

- (a) 29 administrative staff of the Board.
- (b) 1 full time and 4 part-time Counsel.
- (c) 1 full time solicitor to the Board.
- (d) the Board's panel of medical advisers.

*The Honourable Mr. Justice Bryan McMahon was appointed on 4th May 2007 and returned to full time judicial duties on the appointment of Mr. Justice Smyth.

The Work of the Board

In accordance with its remit under section 5 (b) of the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002 to “make all reasonable efforts, through public advertisement, direct correspondence with persons who were residents of an institution and otherwise, to ensure that persons who were residents of an institution are made aware of the function.....of the Board” an extensive advertising campaign was undertaken by the Board up to the end of 2005.

Advertisements were placed in all the national broadsheet and tabloid newspapers as well as the main provincial newspapers. Advertisements have also been placed on RTE 1 television, Network 2, Sky 1, Sky News, TV3 and TG 4. The Board has also placed advertisements on all national and major local radio stations. The Board held 12 information days throughout England in 2004 as well as placing advertisements in Sunday newspapers, daily newspapers and publications aimed specifically at the Irish community in Britain. The Board also distributed 7,500 leaflets and 7,500 pamphlets to the network of Irish Societies. The Board placed advertisements in all Irish daily newspapers and selected newspapers in the United Kingdom highlighting each Ministerial Order which added institutions to the schedule to the Redress Act. In November 2005 the Board placed advertisements highlighting the closing date for receipt of applications in the main Irish newspapers, selected United Kingdom publications and Irish publications in the U.S.A. and Australia. In total the Board placed 1,492 advertisements since it was established. The closing date for applications being 15th December 2005, this campaign is now finished.

In addition the Department of Foreign Affairs, at the request of the Board, sent information on the role and functions of the Board, as well as highlighting the closing date for receipt of applications, to its embassies asking them to forward this information to all relevant Irish bodies with whom they have contact.

This campaign, the Board’s newsletters, annual reports and subsequent media reports have ensured that the Board retains a high public profile. In addition the various controversies involving the redress scheme have further raised the profile of the process, as has the frequency with which

the Board is mentioned on talk and news programmes on both radio and television as well as in the Oireachtas. The Board is also aware that there was extensive advertising by third parties here in Ireland as well as abroad which served to inform people of its existence. This advertising was predominantly in the print media.

The Board's web-site (www.rirb.ie) has been in operation for six years and is used as the conduit for newsletters and statements. The site contains all relevant information on the work of the Board such as the Act of 2002, the Regulations, the guides to the scheme and more.

The procedure followed by the Board for the processing of applications is largely prescribed by the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002, as amended by Part 4 of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (Amendment) Act, 2005 and by Regulations made by the Minister for Education and Science in accordance with the Act. These Regulations and the Act are available from the Board's office free of charge or may be viewed on the Board's website.

Applications for Redress are submitted on a standard application form and in order to facilitate applicants the Board has issued the following publications:

- "A Guide to the Redress Scheme under the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002 ". A fully updated and revised third edition of the Guide, which incorporates changes necessitated by the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (Amendment) Act 2005, was issued by the Board in December 2005.
- "A Short Guide to the Redress Scheme under the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002".
- "The Residential Institutions Redress Board Guide to Hearing Procedures".

- Newsletters and statements (in order to keep applicants and their legal advisers updated on procedures and developments). The 2007 newsletters and statements are attached as appendices (e) to (g) and may be viewed on the Board's website www.rirb.ie.
- A Board Decision on its procedures for dealing with applications from outside Ireland.

These publications may be viewed on the Board's website and are also available from the Board's office free of charge.

Number of Applications

The closing date for receipt of applications was the 15th December 2005 by which time the Board had received 14,513 applications.

The Residential Institutions Redress Act, 2002 sections 8(2) and 8(3) state;

“8 - (2) The Board may, at its discretion and where it considers there are exceptional circumstances, extend the period referred to in subsection (1).

8 - (3) The Board shall extend the period referred to in subsection (1) where it is satisfied that an applicant was under a legal disability by reason of unsound mind at the time when such application should otherwise have been made and the applicant concerned makes an application to the Board within 3 years of the cessation of that disability.”

By 31st December 2007 the Board had received 257 such submissions. The Board has considered each such submission individually and has ruled as follows;

- 36 submissions were accepted by the Board
- 144 submissions were disallowed by the Board
- 3 submission were withdrawn
- In 66 cases the Board was awaiting further information from the applicant
- 8 submissions remained to be considered by the Board

The Board has received a total of 14,549 applications (including 36 late applications accepted up 31st December 2007).

Processing of Applications

Consideration of an application requires the obtaining of written information and reports from a variety of sources. The Board notifies applicants once it has received all necessary documentation in relation to their application. These notifications, known as completion letters, issue at a rate commensurate with the Board's ability to finalise applications. These letters do not always issue immediately after the Board has complied with its obligations in relation to the notification of relevant persons as outlined in the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2002. At the time of writing it can take up to 6 months for a case to be scheduled for consideration by the Board once the Board has issued a completion letter to the applicant or his/her solicitor indicating that the application is ready to proceed to settlement or hearing. This timeframe does not apply to those entitled to priority on grounds of age or medical condition. The Board continues to make every effort to ensure all applications are finalised as expeditiously as possible.

The Board envisages finalising the greater majority of cases by the end of 2009.

Number and Amounts of Awards

The Board commenced making awards in May 2003 and by 31st December 2007 had completed the process in 9,922 cases as detailed below:

- 7,351 offers/awards made following settlement.
- 1,841 awards made following hearings (5 awards rejected by applicant).
- 274 awards following Review.
- 456 applications withdrawn, refused or resulted in a nil or no award

The average value of awards to 31st December 2007 is approximately €66,850.00, the largest award being €300,500.00.

The average award following a successful settlement is €66,700.

The average award following a hearing by the Board is €67,400.

The average award following an unsuccessful attempt to settle which therefore went to hearing is €70,150.

Mindful that this report is being published in July 2008 the Board is publishing figures updated to 30th June 2008 in appendix (h).

Financial Management of Awards

In accordance with Section 21 of the Residential Institutions Redress Act, 2002, the Board has established a free, confidential and independent financial management service which is available to all award recipients. Its purpose is to give advice which is general in nature, covering the options open to award recipients, but not directing them to named financial institutions or brokers.

The Board has appointed an existing body called MABS (Money Advice and Budgeting Service) to operate this service. The MABS is a locally-based independent information and advice provider which has been in general operation since 1992 and more details about it are available on its website: www.mabs.ie. The Redress Board scheme is separate from MABS usual advice services. The Board provides contact details for MABS to all applicants who accept their award.

A MABS Customer Survey completed in 2007 revealed a very high level of satisfaction with the scheme. Award recipients found the scheme helpful and thought the financial management advisors were courteous, professional in manner and prompt in returning their calls.

Payment of Awards by Instalment

Section 13 (8) of the Redress Act provides that, in certain circumstances, awards may be paid to applicants in instalments. The Board is of the view that this can best be done through the Courts Service which has considerable expertise in this area. The Courts Service has provided this service since 2005 and the necessary arrangements remain in place in accordance with the provisions of section 34 (e) (iv) of the Commission to Enquire into Child Abuse (Amendment) Act 2005. These arrangements can be summarised as follows:

Where the Board has made a direction that an award be paid in instalments or in some other manner than by way of a single payment, the Board will direct the Department of Education and Science to make the initial payment to the applicant and then apply to the High Court to lodge the balance of the award in the Court, where it will be dealt with by the Accountant's Office. Once the money has been lodged, the Board will have no further responsibility for the award.

The address of this office is The Accountant's Office, Courts Service, Phoenix House, Phoenix Street North, Dublin 7. The Accountant's Office will administer the award for the benefit of the applicant in accordance with the original direction of the Board and with rules of court.

Where an award has been paid into the Accountant's Office, an applicant may at any time apply to the High Court to vary the terms of the original direction by the Board on which the funds are administered, and the Court may do so if it considers it appropriate having regard to the circumstances of the applicant at that time. Applicants should apply in writing to the Principal Registrar, High Court, Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7 stating the reason they are seeking a variation of the terms of the award. These applications will be heard by a judge of the High Court on the next available Monday. The Court will inform applicants of the date and time of the hearings.

In accordance with rules of court, interest will be paid on any sum which is being administered by the High Court.

Fraudulent Claims

Section 7 (6) of the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002, as amended, provides: “A person who gives false evidence to the Board or the Review Committee in such circumstances that, if the person had given the evidence before a court, the person would be guilty of perjury, the person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction on indictment to the penalties applying to perjury”.

Section 28 (5) of the Act provides inter alia: “a person shall disclose information other than the information specified in subsection (4) that is provided to the Board or the Review Committee and obtained by that person in the course of the performance of the functions of the person under this Act to

(a) a member of the Garda Síochána if the person is acting in good faith and reasonably believes that such disclosure is necessary in order to prevent an act or omission constituting a serious offence”

Of the 9,922 cases completed, 2 have been referred to the Garda Síochána under section 7(6) of the Act. An investigation has been concluded in one matter and the Board has been informed that no criminal prosecution is to be pursued. In a number of other cases the Board has rejected an application in whole or in part on the grounds that it is not satisfied as to the truth of the allegations made by an applicant.

Legal Costs

The issue of costs relating to an application to the Board is dealt with in section 27 (1) of the Residential Institutions Redress Act, 2002 which provides that the Board will pay to an applicant, to whom an award has been made, either by the Board or on Review, a reasonable amount for expenses incurred by the applicant in the preparation and presentation of the application to the Board. This section further provides that these expenses/costs should be agreed between the Board and the applicant (or the applicant's solicitors or other representative); however, if the costs cannot be agreed between the Board and the applicant, then the costs will be taxed before a Taxing Master of the High Court. Once the costs have been referred to the Taxing Master, submissions will be made to the Taxing Master on behalf of the Board and the applicant and the Taxing Master will ultimately decide what costs will be paid by the Board to the applicant and/or his or her solicitors/representatives. It should be noted that the costs will not be paid until an application has been finally determined and an award has been made. Costs are not paid by the Board in cases where an application has been rejected by the Board.

In addition to the costs relating to an application to the Board it should also be noted that Section 27 (2) of the Act provides that the Board shall also pay to an applicant who accepts an award, the costs of any associated Court proceedings which were instituted by that applicant against a public body or a person who has made a contribution to the special account established under Section 23 of the Act, provided the applicant has signed the necessary Form of Waiver in respect of these proceedings. The Form of Waiver is, quite simply, written confirmation by the applicant that he/she will not pursue any right of action which the applicant may have against a public body or a person who has made a contribution to the special fund or in a case where proceedings have already issued (which is the situation in a large number of the applications), the applicant is agreeing not to go ahead with those proceedings.

As in the case of an application to the Board, the applicant costs of the Court Proceedings should be agreed between the Board and the applicant (or the applicant's solicitors or other representative); however, if the costs cannot be agreed between the Board and the applicant, the

costs will be taxed before a Taxing Master of the High Court. Once the costs have been referred to the Taxing Master, submissions will be made to the Taxing Master on behalf of the Board and the applicant and the Taxing Master will ultimately decide what costs will be paid by the Board to the applicant and/or his or her solicitors/representatives.

The Board's position in relation to costs is outlined below in a letter received from Mr. Peter Fitzpatrick, Legal Costs Accountant, who is retained by the Board to advise on costs matters and to represent the Board at hearings before the Taxing Master of the High Court.

"There is no Cost precedent for this type of Application. In some cases the Solicitors have been involved in three sets of action. Firstly the Civil Proceedings, secondly bringing an Application to the Residential Institutions Redress Board, and thirdly, bringing an Application to the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse.

In other cases the Solicitors are involved only in the Civil Proceedings and the Application to the Residential Institutions Redress Board. Lastly, there are cases where Solicitors are involved in an Application to the Redress Board only. Each of these circumstances gives rise to its own Costs problems.

Where Proceedings issued these are at different stages. Some have reached the Plenary Summons stage only. Some have reached the stage where Proceedings are closed and Discovery was being dealt with. While some of the Applications to the Residential Institutions Redress Board are reasonably straight forward, others are difficult and complex.

Where possible the Board has settled the Costs and I am satisfied great care has been taken to ensure that these are kept to a reasonable amount.

Where the Board considered Costs excessive, my firm has been consulted and if necessary these have been taxed by the Taxing Master of the High Court. Indeed, where the Board considered the allowances made by the Taxing Master to be excessive, Objections were lodged pursuant to Order 99, Rule 38 of the Rules of the Superior Courts.

The final step is asking the High Court to review some of the allowances made by the Taxing Master and a number of such Applications are at present waiting Hearing before the High Court.

The Board is continuing with this business of assessing awards to Claimants and dealing with their Solicitors Costs. The Board only agree Costs and expenses when they are considered reasonable, those considered unreasonable are being referred for Taxation to the Taxing Master of the High Court but were appropriate to the High Court itself.”

To date costs have been finalised in 7,857 applications. €86,310,524.28 has been paid in respect of applications to the Board. In 2,003 of these applications a further €9,387,052.12 has been paid in respect of the costs of associated court proceedings. This makes a total of €95,697,576.40.

Further details are given in the following table.

Legal Costs			
	To end 2006	2007	Total
<i>Finalised Applications</i>	4,903	2,954	7,857
<i>Costs of Applications to the Board</i>	€56,662,347.20	€29,648,177.08	€86,310,524.28
<i>Costs of Associated Court Proceedings</i>	€7,679,704.64 (1,591 cases)	€1,707,347.48 (412 cases)	€9,387,052.12 (2,003 cases)
<i>Total Costs</i>	€64,342,051.84	€31,355,524.56	€95,697,576.40

The average costs and expenses paid to applicants' solicitors in respect of applications to the Board amount to €10,985 per application, or 16.43% of the award.

Audit

During the year, the Board invited a firm of auditors to conduct an audit and report to the Board.

The audit confirmed that the processing and payment of awards and associated legal costs are duly effected on foot of determinations by the Board.

The audit also confirmed that the associated administrative systems, procedures and practices of the Board are adequate and applied in practice.

This audit was carried out in November 2007.

Publications

The following publications have been issued by the Board.

- A Guide to the Redress Scheme under the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002
(Revised and updated in December 2005)
- A Short Guide to the Redress Scheme under the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002
- The Residential Institutions Redress Board Guide to Hearing Procedures.
- Newsletters. The newsletters issued in 2006 are attached as appendices (e), (f), (h) and (j) and can also be viewed on the Board's website www.rirb.ie.
- A Board Decision on procedures for dealing with applications from outside Ireland.
- 4 Annual Reports of the Board's activities.

These publications may be viewed on the Board's website and are also available from the Board's office free of charge.

These publications are provided as an aid to applicants and their legal advisers who wish to know what is involved in making an application to the Board. They let the applicants know in some detail what is involved in the process and what options are available to them. They explain the difference between settlements and hearings and inform applicants of what to expect when they arrive at the Board's offices. Along with the Board's newsletters they provide information on such issues as costs and expenses as well as answering a range of questions applicants may have about such matters as: "What happens at a hearing?", or "Must I make up my mind immediately whether to accept or reject an offer?". Every effort has been made to use plain English in these publications so that they will benefit the personal applicant and solicitor alike.

The Annual Reports are submitted to the Minister for Education and Science pursuant to Section 26 (1) of the Residential Institutions Redress Act, 2002.

Statistics*

The charts and tables in this section, such as those showing the country of residence of applicants are, where indicated, based on the applications which were registered on the Board's case management system on the 31st of December 2007.

** Some figures may vary from those in the 2006 report. This is due to factors such as awards being changed on Review or personal applicants choosing to be legally represented after they have lodged an application.*

Applications Received

Pursuant to the provisions of section 8(2) and 8(3) of the 2002 Act the Board may, at its discretion and where it considers there are exceptional circumstances, extend the period for receipt of applications. Any applicant wishing to lodge an application after 15th December 2005 is asked to explain in writing to the Board why the application was not lodged in time. The Board considers each such submission individually. By the 31st December 2007 the Board had received 257 such submissions which were dealt with as follows.

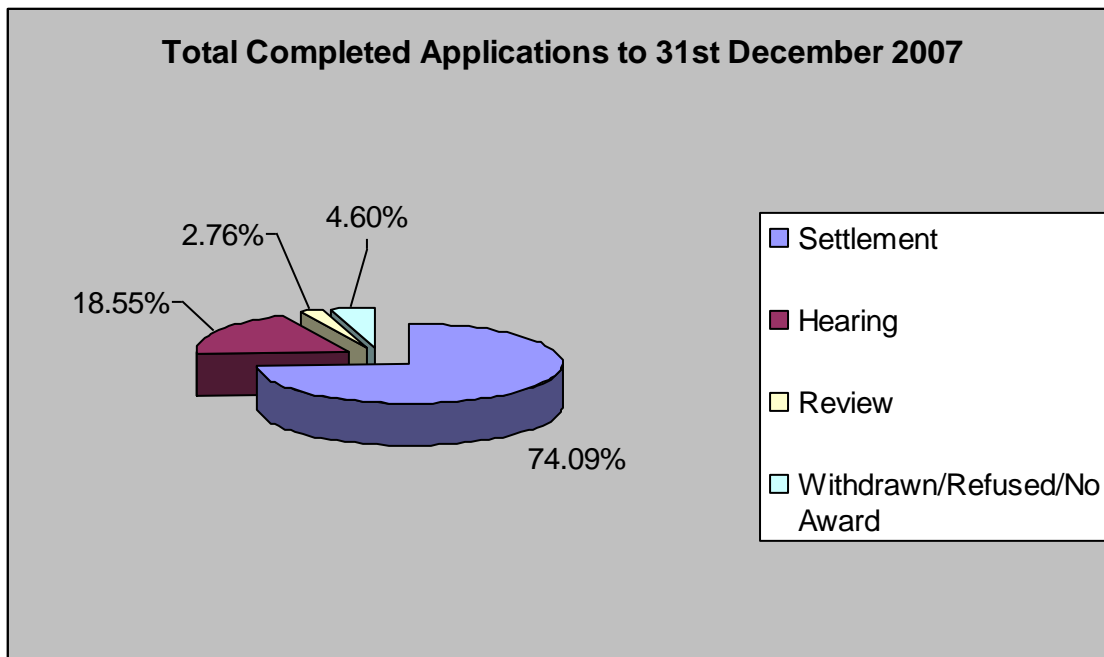
- 36 submissions were accepted by the Board
- 144 submissions were disallowed by the Board
- 3 submissions were withdrawn
- In 66 cases the Board was awaiting further information from the applicant
- 8 submissions remained to be considered by the Board

The Board has received a total of 14,549 applications (including 36 late applications accepted up 31st December 2007). This total may increase when all outstanding submissions have been finally considered by the Board.

Completed Applications

On the 31st December 2007 the Board had completed the process in 9,922 cases, as detailed below

- Offers made following settlement - 7,351
- Awards made following hearings - 1,841
- Awards following Review - 274
- Applications withdrawn/refused/nil or no award - 456



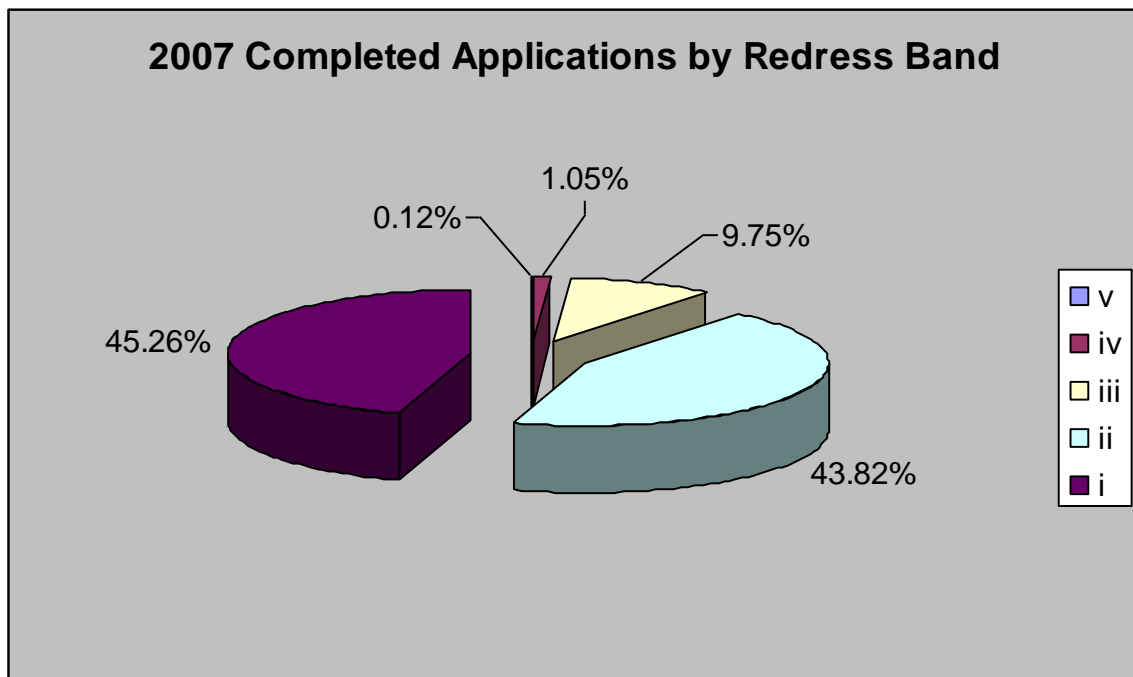
The breakdown of the completed cases to 31st December 2007 is detailed in the following table.

Completed Applications	To End 2006	2007	Total
Offers made following settlement	5,335	2,016	7,351
Awards made following hearings	1,372	469	1,841
Awards following Review	196	78	274
Applications withdrawn/refused/nil or no award	388	68	456
Total Completed Cases	7,291	2,631	9,922

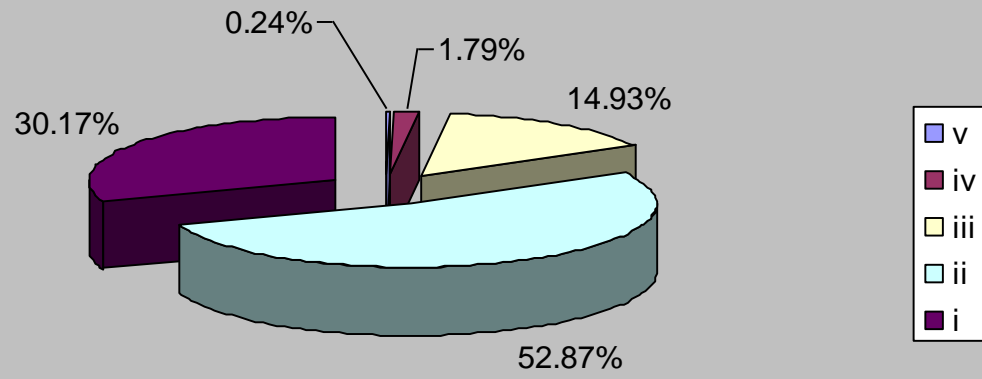
Number of Awards by Redress Band

The breakdown of awards by Redress Bands is as follows:

Redress Bands	Total Weighting	Award Payable	No. of Apps 2007	%	Total Apps	%
v	70 or more	€200,000 - €300,000	3	0.12%	23	0.24%
iv	55-69	€150,000 - €200,000	27	1.05%	169	1.79%
iii	40-54	€100,000 - €150,000	250	9.75%	1,413	14.93%
ii	25-39	€50,000 - €100,000	1,123	43.82%	5,005	52.87%
i	less than 25	€0.00 - €50,000	1,160	45.26%	2,856	30.17%
Total			2,563	100.00%	9,466	100.00%



Total Completed Applications by Redress Band

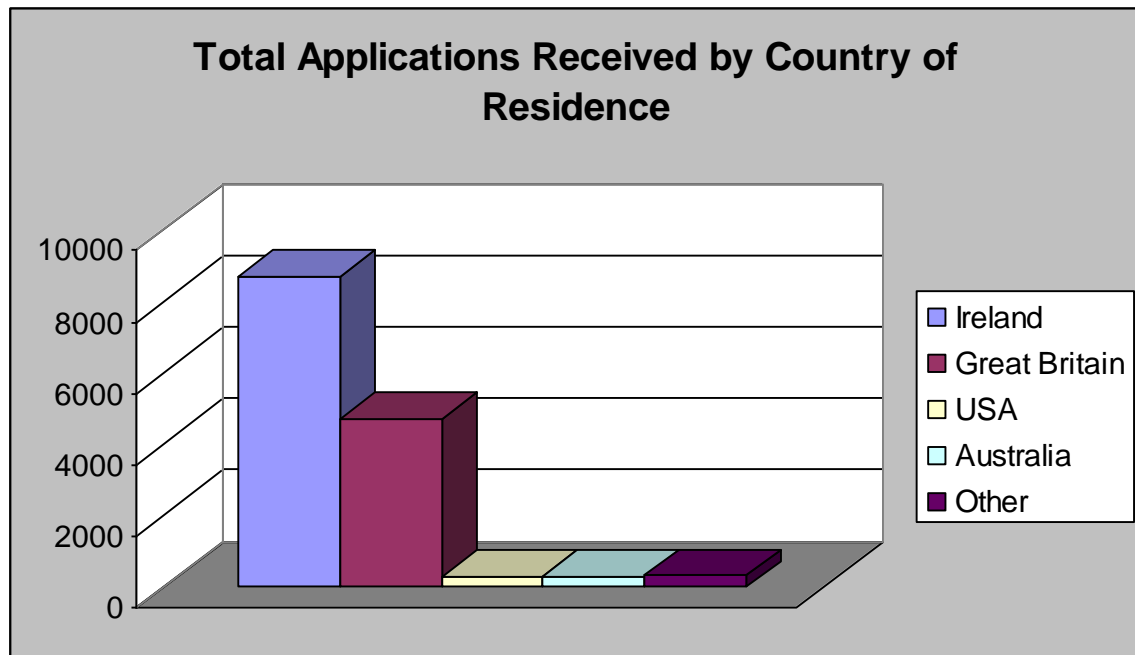


Country of Residence of Applicants

The figures below refer to the applications registered on the Board's case management system on the 31st December 2007.

Country of Residence	Total Applications Received	% of Total Applications Received
Ireland	8728	60.64%
Great Britain	4730	32.86%
USA	302	2.10%
Australia	301	2.09%
Northern Ireland	117	0.81%
Canada	91	0.63%
Spain	30	0.21%
New Zealand	20	0.14%
Germany	16	0.11%
The Netherlands	15	0.10%
France	8	0.06%
Sweden	6	0.04%
Denmark	5	0.03%
South Africa	4	0.03%
Channel Islands	3	0.02%
Belgium	2	0.01%
Italy	2	0.01%
Austria	1	0.01%
Finland	1	0.01%
Malta	1	0.01%
Morocco	1	0.01%
Nigeria	1	0.01%
Norway	1	0.01%
Portugal	1	0.01%
Republic of Panama	1	0.01%
Sri Lanka	1	0.01%
Thailand	1	0.01%
The Philippines	1	0.01%
United Arab Emirates	1	0.01%
West Indies	1	0.01%
Zimbabwe	1	0.01%
Total	14394	100.00%

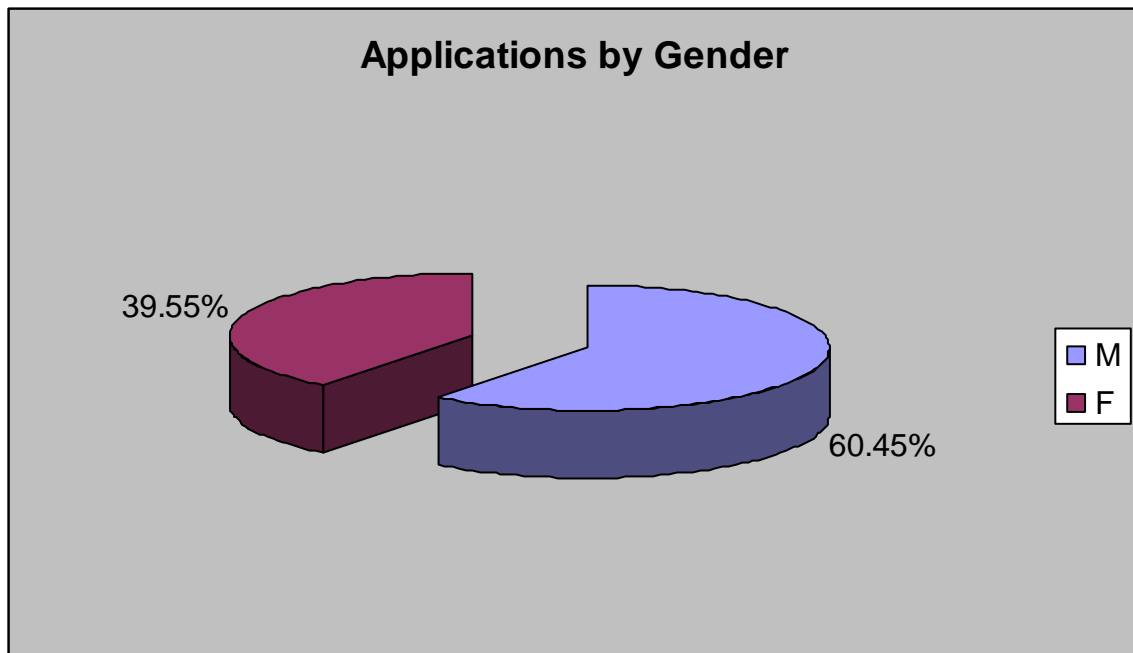
Great Britain and Ireland account for more than 93% of applications with Australia and the U.S.A. accounting for a further 4%.



Gender of Applicants

The figures below refer to the applications registered on the Board's case management system on the 31st December 2007. Of these applications, 8,701 are from men and 5,693 are from women.

The proportion of female applicants has increased from just over 31% at the end of 2003 to just under 40% at the end of 2007. This is a correction of the figures in the 2006 Annual Report which inaccurately indicated a higher ratio of female to male applicants.



Applications on behalf of injured persons

Where an applicant is an adult unable to manage his or her own affairs an application may be made by a person properly authorised to do so. The Board has received 425 such applications up to 31st December 2007.

Applications on behalf of persons who died after 11th May 1999

Where a person who is or may be entitled to redress has died since 11th May 1999 without making an application, the spouse or children of that person may make an application on his or her behalf. If an applicant dies after making an application, his/her spouse or children may continue to pursue the application. A “spouse” for this purpose includes a person with whom the deceased person is or was at a time cohabiting.

418 such applications have been made to the Board.

Priority Applications

In its consideration of applications, the Board gives priority to applicants –

- (i) who were born before 1st January 1937, or
- (ii) who are, at the time when the application is made, suffering from a medical illness or psychiatric condition which is life threatening, as confirmed in writing by a letter from their regular medical adviser.

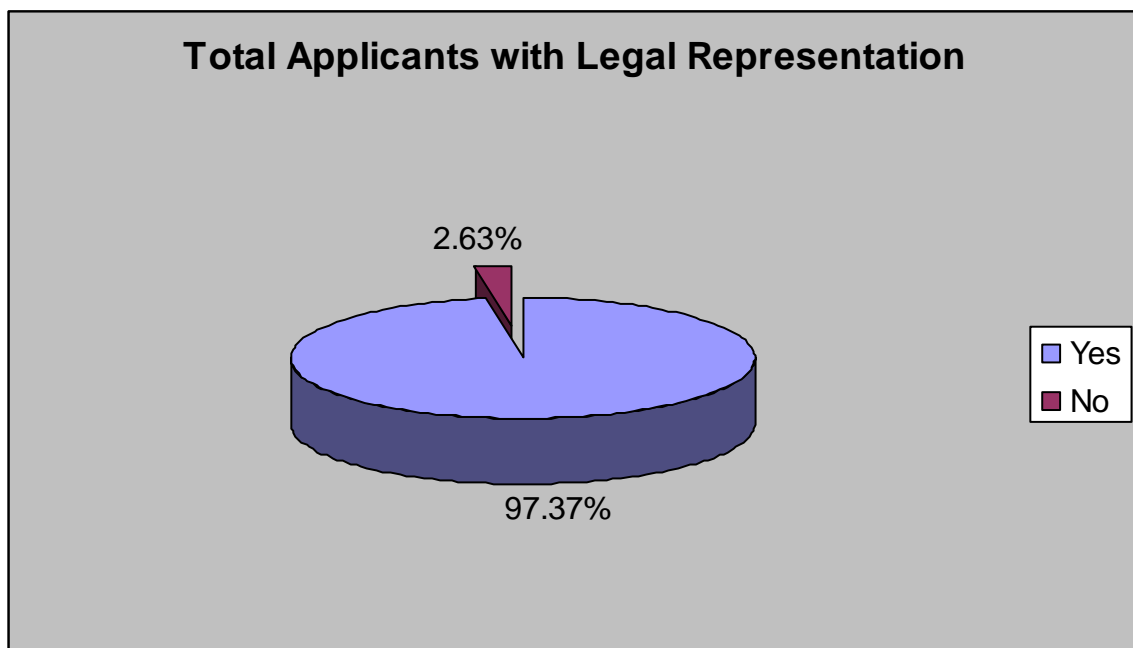
In 2007 293 applicants born before 1st January 1937 were granted priority by the Board. 65 applicants were granted priority on the grounds of a medical or psychiatric condition. In all the Board has granted priority to a total of 2,879 applicants, 2,493 on the grounds of age and 386 on the grounds of a medical or psychiatric condition.

In 2008 the Board will give priority to applicants born before 1st January 1938.

Legal Representation

The chart below refers to the applications registered on the Board's case management system on the 31st December 2007.

The percentage of applications from applicants represented by a solicitor stands at 97.37%, a slight increase from 97.24% at the end of 2006.



Applicants are represented by a total of 964 firms of solicitors and costs have been paid to date in respect of 7,857 applications. The 2,954 costs payments made by the Board in 2007 are listed below. It should be noted that the Board has not yet received bills in respect of all the applications it has determined.

These costs are divided into two categories

- (a) Costs in respect of the application to the Board.
- (b) Costs in respect of associated High Court proceedings.

Name of Solicitor	Number of Applications in which Costs have been paid - 2007	Board Costs Paid in 2007	Related High Court Costs paid in 2007	2007 Total
Abney Garsden McDonald	29	€220,018.36	€ 0.00	€220,018.36
Ahern & McDonnell	1	€ 3,932.00	€ 0.00	€3,932.00
Ahern O'Shea	5	€ 68,223.69	€ 0.00	€68,223.69
Alan Mitchell & Co.	1	€ 21,331.76	€ 0.00	€21,331.76
Anne L Horgan & Co	1	€ 12,752.50	€ 0.00	€12,752.50
Anne R. Neary	4	€ 34,063.52	€ 0.00	€34,063.52
Arthur P McLean & Co	1	€ 11,678.42	€ 1,696.18	€13,374.60
Arthur Smiths	2	€ 17,287.93	€ 0.00	€17,287.93
Augustus Cullen & Son	1	€ 2,188.68	€ 0.00	€2,188.68
B P O'Reilly & Co	9	€ 80,407.25	€ 2,104.78	€82,512.03
Barry M O'Meara & Son	2	€ 11,746.99	€ 0.00	€11,746.99
Baynes & Co	3	€ 17,917.10	€ 0.00	€17,917.10
Benen Fahy Associates	1	€ 13,349.52	€ 11,202.52	€24,552.04
Bennetts & Estate Agents	1	€ 7,455.50	€ 0.00	€7,455.50
Birnberg Peirce & Partners	6	€57,346.86	€ 0.00	€57,346.86
Blake Horrigan	2	€ 12,400.00	€ 0.00	€12,400.00
Bolger, White, Egan & Flanagan	1	€ 9,096.70	€ 0.00	€9,096.70
Bolt Burdon Kemp	3	€ 30,863.20	€ 0.00	€30,863.20
Bowler Geraghty & Co	1	€ 6,997.33	€ 0.00	€6,997.33
Brady Thorpe	1	€ 4,819.00	€ 0.00	€4,819.00

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Branigan Berkery Solrs	1	€ 16,696.06	€ 0.00	€16,696.06
Brendan Comiskey	1	€ 12,892.93	€ 0.00	€12,892.93
Brendan Irwin & Co	1	€ 10,112.15	€ 0.00	€10,112.15
Brendan Larney & Co	1	€ 9,347.70	€ 0.00	€9,347.70
Brian A Rennick & Co	1	€ 24,324.60	€ 2,902.38	€27,226.98
Brian Lynch & Associates	2	€ 22,763.09	€ 0.00	€22,763.09
Brian Morton & Co	1	€ 12,260.50	€ 0.00	€12,260.50
Brooks & Company	2	€22,953.23	€ 0.00	€22,953.23
Brophy	3	€ 37,718.40	€ 0.00	€37,718.40
Brown McComish	5	€26,067.60	€ 0.00	€26,067.60
Burns Kelly Corrigan	103	€721,163.25	€ 0.00	€721,163.25
Bury & Walkers	1	€ 11,119.35	€ 0.00	€11,119.35
Butler, Cunningham & Molony	1	€ 12,480.88	€ 0.00	€12,480.88
Byrne Carolan Cunningham	199	€2,219,334.95	€ 108,589.73	€2,327,924.68
C A Hickey and Company	1	€ 16,003.95	€ 0.00	€16,003.95
C P Crowley & Co.	2	€ 23,422.04	€ 0.00	€23,422.04
Canice M Egan	1	€ 5,345.53	€ 0.00	€5,345.53
Carl O'Mahony & Co.	1	€ 10,092.50	€ 0.00	€10,092.50
Carvill Rickard & Co	1	€ 27,893.50	€ 0.00	€27,893.50
Cathal O'Neill & Co	1	€ 16,809.00	€ 0.00	€16,809.00

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Catherine Coleman & Associates	5	€ 46,938.20	€ 0.00	€46,938.20
Ciaran Feighery	1	€ 6,827.23	€ 0.00	€6,827.23
Clarke Jeffers & Co.	2	€ 27,075.46	€ 0.00	€27,075.46
Clarksons	7	€ 47,951.03	€ 0.00	€47,951.03
Cleary & Cleary	10	€71,789.65	€ 0.00	€71,789.65
Clifford Sullivan & Co	1	€ 6,150.50	€ 0.00	€6,150.50
Coghlan & McNally	1	€ 7,247.00	€ 6,367.95	€13,614.95
Collins Crowley	10	€125,566.86	€ 0.00	€125,566.86
Con O'Leary & Co	1	€ 9,651.25	€ 0.00	€9,651.25
Connolly Sellors Geraghty	1	€ 17,918.35	€ 0.00	€17,918.35
Coughlan Griffith & Company	1	€ 19,766.23	€ 0.00	€19,766.23
Coughlan Kelly Solicitors	0	€1,210.00	€ 0.00	€1,210.00
Crean O'Cleirigh & O Dwyer	1	€11,848.06	€ 0.00	€11,848.06
Crowley Millar	1	€ 13,699.50	€ 0.00	€13,699.50
Daly Derham & Company	1	€ 9,035.50	€ 0.00	€9,035.50
Daly Lynch Crowe and Morris	0	€ 1,627.50	€ 0.00	€1,627.50
Damien Tansey & Associates	0	€ 13,873.18	€ 0.00	€13,873.18
Daniel G. Mc Grath	2	€ 24,678.97	€ 0.00	€24,678.97
Daniel Spring & Co	1	€ 7,805.50	€ 0.00	€7,805.50
D'Arcy & Co.	1	€ 8,702.90	€ 0.00	€8,702.90

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David Burke & Co.	3	€56,589.41	€ 0.00	€56,589.41
David J. O'Meara & Sons	1	€ 9,875.55	€ 0.00	€9,875.55
David Walley & Co	19	€197,977.92	€ 17,626.62	€215,604.54
Delahunty, O'Connor & Co	1	€ 7,931.50	€ 5,126.10	€13,057.60
Denis A. Linehan & Co	2	€ 13,910.65	€ 0.00	€13,910.65
Denis Kelleher & Co	1	€18,805.40	€ 0.00	€18,805.40
Dermot Lavery & Co	5	€ 55,495.32	€ 0.00	€55,495.32
Dermot McNamara & Company	2	€12,925.85	€ 0.00	€12,925.85
Derry O'Carroll & Co.	1	€ 9,684.95	€ 0.00	€9,684.95
DFMG	1	€14,962.88	€ 0.00	€14,962.88
Dillon Eustace	1	€ 7,716.70	€ 0.00	€7,716.70
Donal T Ryan & Co	1	€ 7,588.30	€ 0.00	€7,588.30
Donal Farrelly	1	€ 7,770.50	€ 0.00	€7,770.50
Doyle & Company	1	€ 14,404.00	€ 0.00	€14,404.00
Doyle Hanlon	2	€ 8,863.20	€ 0.00	€8,863.20
Dundon Callanan	1	€ 8,467.50	€ 0.00	€8,467.50
Durkan	1	€ 10,729.00	€ 0.00	€10,729.00
E P Daly & Company	5	€ 50,638.29	€ 8,605.77	€59,244.06
Eamon Murray & Co	27	€296,717.90	€ 2,046.00	€298,763.90
Elizabeth Ferris & Co	1	€ 15,655.50	€ 0.00	€15,655.50

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Enda P. Moran	1	€ 13,735.66	€ 0.00	€13,735.66
Eoin Lysaght & Co	2	€ 21,041.50	€ 0.00	€21,041.50
Ernest J Cantillon & Co	1	€ 27,789.79	€ 0.00	€27,789.79
F B Keating & Co	1	€6,581.00	€ 0.00	€6,581.00
Fahy McGeever	4	€40,944.00	€ 0.00	€40,944.00
Fair & Murtagh	2	€19,708.42	€ 0.00	€19,708.42
Farrell & Partners	2	€ 20,198.70	€ 0.00	€20,198.70
Ferrys	5	€50,735.52	€ 11,068.78	€61,804.30
Finbarr A. Murphy & Co.	1	€ 7,327.70	€ 0.00	€7,327.70
Fitzsimons Redmond	1	€ 5,557.10	€ 0.00	€5,557.10
Fleming & Barrett	1	€ 9,860.25	€ 0.00	€9,860.25
Fleming O'Flaherty	1	€ 7,289.00	€ 0.00	€7,289.00
Fowle & Company	1	€ 34,336.19	€ 0.00	€34,336.19
Francis C Kelleher & Co	2	€22,515.50	€ 0.00	€22,515.50
Frank Buttimer & Company	1	€7,932.75	€ 0.00	€7,932.75
Frank Joyce & Co.	1	€ 7,395.46	€ 0.00	€7,395.46
Frank O'Connor & Co	1	€ 14,210.00	€ 0.00	€14,210.00
Frank Ward & Co	5	€70,876.34	€ 4,259.68	€75,136.02
Frizelle O'Leary & Co	3	€28,490.00	€ 2,817.19	€31,307.19
Gaffney Halligan & Co	1	€ 6,276.50	€ 0.00	€6,276.50

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Gallagher & Co	1	€ 8,708.50	€ 0.00	€8,708.50
Gallagher Shatter	4	€ 67,892.17	€ 2,274.18	€70,166.35
Galvin Broderick	1	€ 11,663.50	€ 0.00	€11,663.50
Gandon	1	€17,677.68	€ 0.00	€17,677.68
Garrett J Fortune and Co	1	€ 8,479.00	€ 0.00	€8,479.00
Gartlan Winters	3	€ 21,863.60	€ 0.00	€21,863.60
Gerald Kelly & Co	1	€ 5,090.00	€ 0.00	€5,090.00
Geraldine Kelly & Co	2	€ 16,985.04	€ 0.00	€16,985.04
Gerard O' Keeffe & Co	1	€ 6,471.00	€ 0.00	€6,471.00
Groarke & Partners	1	€ 15,780.00	€ 0.00	€15,780.00
H C Browne	1	€ 10,445.87	€ 0.00	€10,445.87
H D Keane & Co	2	€ 17,220.62	€ 0.00	€17,220.62
H J Ward & Co	1	€18,925.58	€ 0.00	€18,925.58
Hatton	1	€ 7,491.99	€ 0.00	€7,491.99
Haughton McCarroll	1	€ 6,791.91	€ 0.00	€6,791.91
Haughtons	1	€ 17,903.00	€ 0.00	€17,903.00
Hennessy & Perrozzi	1	€ 21,118.34	€ 0.00	€21,118.34
Henry Comerford & Co.	2	€ 42,088.90	€ 1,679.45	€43,768.35
Hodge Jones & Allen	227	€2,205,542.31	€ 0.00	€2,205,542.31
Howley Carter & Co	1	€ 19,577.10	€ 0.00	€19,577.10

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Hughes Murphy & Co.	8	€ 70,070.58	€ 0.00	€70,070.58
Hussey & Bates	18	€ 213,403.02	€ 18,449.80	€231,852.82
Irwin, Kilcullen & Co.	1	€ 6,973.00	€ 0.00	€6,973.00
Irwin Mitchell	0	€985.49	€ 0.00	€985.49
J & P O'Donoghue	1	€ 9,213.98	€ 0.00	€9,213.98
J Buckley & Company	1	€ 10,143.50	€ 0.00	€10,143.50
James A. Connolly & Co	1	€ 5,378.70	€ 0.00	€5,378.70
James Binchy & Son	1	€ 3,384.40	€ 0.00	€3,384.40
James O'Brien & Co	2	€ 16,193.58	€ 0.00	€16,193.58
James Pierse & Co.	1	€ 9,784.98	€ 0.00	€9,784.98
John C O'Donnell & Sons	2	€ 17,153.59	€ 0.00	€17,153.59
John Conway	1	€ 9,634.50	€ 0.00	€9,634.50
John Cooke	1	€ 6,944.50	€ 0.00	€6,944.50
John Devane	2	€ 17,759.91	€ 2,072.50	€19,832.41
John Dunne & Co	2	€ 15,498.30	€ 0.00	€15,498.30
John Hussey & Co	5	€41,631.92	€ 0.00	€41,631.92
John J. Quinn & Co.	3	€ 24,361.02	€ 0.00	€24,361.02
John Lanigan & Nolan	1	€ 22,644.00	€ 0.00	€22,644.00
John M. Spencer	1	€ 13,063.00	€ 1,179.00	€14,242.00
John O'Leary & Co	3	€ 20,275.50	€ 0.00	€20,275.50

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John Roddick & Son	1	€ 4,656.06	€ 0.00	€4,656.06
John Schutte Associates	4	€ 33,639.50	€ 0.00	€33,639.50
John Sherlock & Co	5	€ 49,934.76	€ 12,960.27	€62,895.03
Jonas Roy Bloom	1	€ 8,071.25	€ 0.00	€8,071.25
Jordans	11	€ 97,864.07	€ 0.00	€97,864.07
Joseph Brophy & Co.	2	€16,559.50	€ 0.00	€16,559.50
Joseph S Cuddigan & Co	0	€400.00	€ 0.00	€400.00
Joy, Brennan & Co	10	€ 103,139.65	€ 0.00	€103,139.65
Justin Sadleir	1	€ 7,319.50	€ 0.00	€7,319.50
Keane	1	€ 10,283.00	€ 0.00	€10,283.00
Keans	1	€ 22,046.50	€ 8,142.68	€30,189.18
Keaveney Jennings	2	€ 29,558.12	€ 10,082.48	€39,640.60
Kent Carty	5	€ 62,387.61	€ 5,912.39	€68,300.00
Kevin M. Bourke	1	€ 10,461.50	€ 0.00	€10,461.50
Kevin P. Kilrane & Co	4	€ 27,396.83	€ 0.00	€27,396.83
Kieran McCarthy & Co	11	€ 119,774.47	€ 0.00	€119,774.47
Kieran O'Brien & Associates	1	€ 4,040.05	€ 0.00	€4,040.05
Kilfeather Keyes	1	€6,218.40	€ 0.00	€6,218.40
Killeen	1	€ 17,557.61	€ 0.00	€17,557.61
Kingston & Co	1	€ 20,239.00	€ 0.00	€20,239.00

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Kinsella Heffernan Foskin	8	€ 57,775.61	€ 0.00	€57,775.61
Larkin Tynan & Co.	1	€ 6,196.20	€ 0.00	€6,196.20
Lavelle Coleman	173	€1,679,795.87	€ 185,431.72	€1,865,227.59
Lawline	8	€ 90,119.97	€ 0.00	€90,119.97
Lawlor O'Reilly & Co	8	€127,315.85	€ 56,425.04	€183,740.89
Lees	1	€ 5,532.80	€ 0.00	€5,532.80
Linder Myers	36	€370,055.60	€ 0.00	€370,055.60
Louise Moloney & Co	1	€ 13,841.50	€ 0.00	€13,841.50
Lyons	2	€ 14,259.59	€ 0.00	€14,259.59
M A Regan, McEntee & Partners	1	€ 5,709.09	€ 0.00	€5,709.09
M J Horgan & Sons	1	€ 9,122.78	€ 0.00	€9,122.78
M M Halley & Son	4	€33,714.50	€ 3,558.50	€37,273.00
MacGuill & Co	37	€522,034.24	€ 32,993.82	€555,028.06
Madden & Associates	89	€918,559.42	€ 83,610.68	€1,002,170.10
Maddens Lawyers	3	€22,526.22	€0.00	€22,526.22
Madigans	1	€ 9,328.50	€ 0.00	€9,328.50
Maguire McClafferty	2	€ 22,671.99	€ 0.00	€22,671.99
Maguire McNeice & Company	2	€ 17,005.00	€ 2,263.10	€19,268.10
Malcomson Law	7	€ 90,706.74	€ 0.00	€90,706.74
Mangan O'Beirne	1	€ 12,233.10	€ 0.00	€12,233.10

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Manus Sweeney & Co.	3	€ 23,093.21	€ 0.00	€23,093.21
Marcus Lynch	1	€ 13,273.00	€ 0.00	€13,273.00
Margaret Campbell	44	€383,172.58	€ 4,487.86	€387,660.44
Martin	3	€ 28,674.00	€ 0.00	€28,674.00
Matthew Bermingham & Co	1	€ 10,331.15	€ 0.00	€10,331.15
Matthew Gold & Co	27	€309,881.05	€ 2,468.73	€312,349.78
Matthew MacNamara & Son	1	€ 7,298.00	€ 0.00	€7,298.00
Matthews	1	€ 7,477.90	€ 3,615.37	€11,093.27
Maurice Power	1	€ 9,734.50	€ 0.00	€9,734.50
Maurice Blackburn Cashman	2	€ 10,279.08	€ 0.00	€10,279.08
McCartan & Burke	3	€38,404.37	€ 0.00	€38,404.37
McCarthy & McCarthy	2	€ 25,762.55	€ 3,288.96	€29,051.51
McCooe & McCooe	1	€ 10,938.00	€ 0.00	€10,938.00
McEnroe & Walsh	1	€ 5,574.85	€ 0.00	€5,574.85
McGonagle	2	€ 12,688.50	€ 0.00	€12,688.50
McGovern Walsh & Co	5	€46,997.50	€ 20,487.48	€67,484.98
McGuinn	1	€ 5,276.30	€ 0.00	€5,276.30
McInerney	1	€ 16,885.00	€ 3,778.41	€20,663.41
McInnes & Associates	1	€ 9,945.50	€ 0.00	€9,945.50
McMahon & Co	51	€541,484.67	€ 0.00	€541,484.67

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McMahon O'Brien Downes	57	€540,546.52	€ 7,056.93	€547,603.45
Michael Buggy & Co.	3	€ 45,854.35	€ 14,022.88	€59,877.23
Michael E Hanahoe	228	€2,910,824.40	€ 607,676.05	€3,518,500.45
Michael Houlihan & Partners	1	€ 11,313.50	€ 0.00	€11,313.50
Michael Lanigan & Co	20	€214,168.05	€ 12,811.94	€226,979.99
Michael McDarby & Co.	2	€ 20,013.30	€ 0.00	€20,013.30
Michael Monahan	0	€ 245.00	€ 0.00	€245.00
Mullaney's	1	€ 8,124.28	€ 0.00	€8,124.28
Mulvey Kenny & Co.	1	€ 10,954.26	€ 0.00	€10,954.26
Murphy English & Co	187	€2,564,181.58	€ 73,522.86	€2,637,704.44
Murphy Ramsay Walsh	1	€ 13,757.40	€ 0.00	€13,757.40
Murphys	14	€147,645.57	€ 0.00	€147,645.57
Murray Flynn Maguire	1	€ 19,978.00	€ 0.00	€19,978.00
N J Downes & Co	0	€ 130.00	€ 0.00	€130.00
Neilan & Co	1	€ 4,982.00	€ 0.00	€4,982.00
Neville Murphy & Co	1	€2,738.50	€ 0.00	€2,738.50
Newell Quinn Gillen	4	€ 41,431.67	€ 0.00	€41,431.67
Niall Corr & Co	1	€ 18,530.00	€ 0.00	€18,530.00
Nolan Farrell & Goff & Notaries	2	€ 21,782.50	€ 0.00	€21,782.50
O'Brien Lawyers	1	€ 5,100.00	€ 0.00	€5,100.00

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O'Brien Lynam	1	€ 8,880.50	€ 0.00	€8,880.50
O'Brien Ronayne	1	€ 14,552.00	€ 0.00	€14,552.00
O'Carroll & Company	2	€ 14,641.00	€ 0.00	€14,641.00
O'Connor Buckley & Co.	2	€17,098.00	€ 0.00	€17,098.00
O Connor & Dudley	1	€16,265.84	€ 0.00	€16,265.84
O'Donohoe	3	€ 21,747.00	€ 3,986.94	€25,733.94
O'Gorman	2	€ 19,602.01	€ 2,871.29	€22,473.30
O'Hanrahan & Co	3	€12,254.60	€ 0.00	€12,254.60
O'Hanrahan Lally	4	€41,673.58	€ 3,311.50	€44,985.08
O'Leary Maher	1	€ 6,620.90	€ 0.00	€6,620.90
Oliver Shanley and Co.	1	€ 11,993.85	€ 5,681.90	€17,675.75
O'Neill & Co	3	€36,416.50	€ 0.00	€36,416.50
O'Neill Quinn & Co	8	€ 42,552.98	€ 0.00	€42,552.98
O'Reilly Doherty & Co	4	€ 24,074.00	€ 0.00	€24,074.00
O'Reilly Thomas	1	€ 9,938.15	€ 0.00	€9,938.15
Orla O Donnchadha & Co	3	€36,398.98	€ 1,945.00	€38,343.98
O'Scanail & Co	1	€ 9,988.75	€ 0.00	€9,988.75
O'Sullivan Cadogan	1	€ 7,800.75	€ 0.00	€7,800.75
P J Lavan & Co.	6	€39,693.12	€ 2,370.00	€42,063.12
P O'Connor & Son	3	€ 25,178.36	€ 0.00	€25,178.36

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Padraig Foley & Co	3	€ 34,216.20	€ 0.00	€34,216.20
Padraig O' Donovan & Company	1	€ 5,710.50	€ 0.00	€5,710.50
Pannone & Partners	1	€ 5,664.66	€ 0.00	€5,664.66
Partners At Law	1	€ 9,780.00	€ 0.00	€9,780.00
Patrick F O'Connor & Co	4	€ 40,295.15	€ 15,268.85	€55,564.00
Patrick J Morrissey & Co	1	€ 13,099.50	€ 0.00	€13,099.50
Patrick Mann & Co	41	€ 422,371.93	€ 60,068.96	€482,440.89
Paul A Ferris & Co	2	€ 13,072.25	€ 1,955.25	€15,027.50
Paul A Moore & Co.	1	€ 7,790.50	€ 0.00	€7,790.50
Paul O'Sullivan & Co.	1	€ 14,691.50	€ 0.00	€14,691.50
Paul W Tracey	238	€1,738,570.49	€ 0.00	€1,738,570.49
Paula McHugh	0	€302.50	€ 0.00	€302.50
Pauline O'Reilly & Co	16	€ 255,893.98	€ 121,261.22	€377,155.20
Pearse Mehigan & Co	45	€430,680.42	€ 14,623.51	€445,303.93
Peter Fleming & Co	1	€ 5,432.50	€ 0.00	€5,432.50
Peter McDonnell & Associates	438	€3,639,676.65	€ 2,247.50	€3,641,924.15
Peter Nugent & Co.	1	€ 7,592.75	€ 0.00	€7,592.75
Philip Hannon	2	€24,684.69	€ 0.00	€24,684.69
Philpott, Creedon & Co.	1	€ 19,062.37	€ 24,573.97	€43,636.34
Purcell Cullen Kennedy	4	€ 42,921.10	€ 0.00	€42,921.10

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Quinn & Co	23	€167,988.04	€ 0.00	€167,988.04
R G Emerson & Co	1	€ 8,075.00	€ 0.00	€8,075.00
R T Ringrose & Co.	6	€ 38,344.30	€ 0.00	€38,344.30
Reidy Stafford	1	€ 13,690.50	€ 0.00	€13,690.50
Richard Black	1	€ 17,789.69	€ 0.00	€17,789.69
Rochford Gibbons	1	€8,387.50	€ 0.00	€8,387.50
Romaine Scally & Co.	1	€ 8,805.20	€ 0.00	€8,805.20
Rory Quigley & Co	1	€ 12,866.13	€ 0.00	€12,866.13
Rosario Lee & Co Solicitors	1	€14,428.44	€ 0.00	€14,428.44
Ryan Carlisle Thomas	5	€ 34,741.92	€ 0.00	€34,741.92
Ryan Smyth & Co	1	€ 9,933.85	€ 0.00	€9,933.85
S.C. Connolly & Co	1	€ 8,364.36	€ 0.00	€8,364.36
Sandra Hanrahan & Co.	1	€ 7,147.00	€ 0.00	€7,147.00
Scott Ryan	4	€29,997.42	€ 0.00	€29,997.42
Seamus Maguire & Co	3	€ 25,850.50	€ 0.00	€25,850.50
Sean Costello & Co	5	€ 99,596.46	€ 8,592.29	€108,188.75
Sean Mulvihill & Co.	1	€ 14,567.70	€ 0.00	€14,567.70
Sean O' Ceallaigh and Co.	1	€ 11,111.00	€ 0.00	€11,111.00
Shannons	1	€ 27,039.30	€ 0.00	€27,039.30
Shaun Elder	2	€ 18,534.35	€ 0.00	€18,534.35

Name of Solicitor	Number of Applications in which Costs have been paid - 2007	Board Costs Paid in 2007	Related High Court Costs paid in 2007	2007 Total
Shibley & Co.	1	€8,030.43	€ 0.00	€8,030.43
Stephen Kennedy & Co.	1	€ 9,844.59	€ 0.00	€9,844.59
Sullivan Waters & Co	2	€ 11,150.58	€ 0.00	€11,150.58
T & N McLynn	1	€ 18,317.78	€ 3,354.03	€21,671.81
Taylor & Buchalter	2	€ 14,420.60	€ 0.00	€14,420.60
Terence Lyons & Co.	1	€ 6,305.50	€ 0.00	€6,305.50
Thomas J Walsh	1	€9,726.35	€ 0.00	€9,726.35
Thomas Loomes & Company	3	€39,996.17	€ 2,846.33	€42,842.50
Thomas Montgomery & Son	2	€ 27,481.02	€ 7,209.72	€34,690.74
Thomas O'Dwyer & Co.	1	€ 5,576.00	€ 0.00	€5,576.00
Thomas Quigley & Co	3	€ 24,997.95	€ 0.00	€24,997.95
Thornton	2	€ 26,830.00	€ 0.00	€26,830.00
Timothy Lucey & Co	2	€ 12,008.72	€ 0.00	€12,008.72
Tom Collins & Co.	1	€ 11,061.00	€ 2,126.50	€13,187.50
Tom O Regan & Co	0	€ 0.00	€16,415.74	€16,415.74
Tony Taaffe & Co	1	€ 9,828.40	€ 0.00	€9,828.40
Traynor Mallon & Co	1	€ 6,023.00	€ 0.00	€6,023.00
Twomey Scott & Co	1	€ 15,982.50	€ 2,121.17	€18,103.67
Tyrrell	2	€ 26,056.65	€ 0.00	€26,056.65
Uppal Taylor	1	€ 11,725.12	€ 0.00	€11,725.12

Name of Solicitor	Number of Applications in which Costs have been paid - 2007	Board Costs Paid in 2007	Related High Court Costs paid in 2007	2007 Total
Vincent McCormack & Co	1	€ 4,903.50	€ 0.00	€4,903.50
Vivien Piercy	1	€ 16,845.16	€ 0.00	€16,845.16
VP McMullin	1	€ 18,309.33	€ 0.00	€18,309.33
Waller Legal	1	€7,296.79	€ 0.00	€7,296.79
Warings	1	€ 9,806.75	€ 0.00	€9,806.75
William Egan & Associates	1	€ 9,399.00	€ 0.00	€9,399.00
Wolfe & Co	3	€ 46,824.81	€ 39,849.05	€86,673.86
Total	2954	€ 29,648,177.08	€ 1,707,347.48	€31,355,524.56

Note: There are instances in the above table where the number of applications for a solicitor is showing as "nil" despite receiving costs in 2007. These are supplementary costs received by the solicitor for cases in which the main costs were paid in a previous year.

Comparative Analysis of Costs

On average, costs and expenses paid to applicants' solicitors amount to €10,985* per application, or 16.43% of the award. By contrast, the average costs and expenses incurred by the Board in respect of an application amount to €2,538** or 3.80% of the award.

* This figure has been calculated by dividing the total amount of costs paid to date by the number of applications in which costs were paid. The figure does not include costs paid in respect of associated Court proceedings; these costs average €4,686 per case in which such costs have been paid.

** This figure has been calculated by dividing the total cost of running the Board (excluding awards and applicants' legal costs) by the total number of applications finalised at the end of 2007.

Appendices

Customer Service Plan

Under the terms of the current national agreement “Sustaining Progress Social Partnership Agreement 2003-2005” there is an obligation on all public service organizations to commit publicly to service standards for their customers.

As part of this process, the administrative staff of the Redress Board undertake to commit themselves to serving their customers - applicants, solicitors, barristers, members of the public and Board members in the following manner:

1. Show courtesy and sensitivity and preserve confidentiality in all our dealings with our customers verbally, in writing or in person.
2. Give assistance to those applicants who request it to complete their application forms (in so far as permissible under the Act).
3. Ensure adequate staff are available to answer all queries during office hours (9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday).
4. Issue statutory correspondence within 5 working days of the file's readiness to proceed to the next stage.
5. Schedule applications for settlement or hearing as soon as dates are available.
6. Greet applicants and their party cordially and give every reasonable assistance on the day of their attendance at the Redress Board offices.
7. Issue notice of award to the applicant within 5 working days of the decision of the Board.

8. Ensure appropriate facilities are available for people with disabilities or special needs.
9. Update information on our website to ensure that the fullest information possible is available to the public.
10. Post regular newsletters on the website in the interests of openness and transparency.
11. Periodically review this plan in accordance with section 20.13 of the Sustaining Progress Social Partnership Agreement 2003-2005.

EXPENDITURE DATA FOR THE YEAR 2007

CATEGORY	AMOUNT €
ADVERTISING	€1,643.18
STENOGRAPHY SERVICES	€148,058.14
PHONES (SERVICE)	€34,861.45
PHONES (EQUIPMENT)	€0.00
POSTAGE - COSTS	€88,330.00
POSTAGE – RENTAL & SERVICES	€2,380.97
COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE	€30,678.32
COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	€48,813.03
PHOTOCOPYING	€10,569.98
OFFICE MACHINERY	€605.00
HEAT, POWER & LIGHT	€20,601.98
CONTRACT CLEANING	€24,522.97
OFFICE SUPPLIES	€41,659.92
PRINTING	€1,337.05
FURNITURE & FITTINGS	€8,317.59
TRAVEL & SUBSISTENCE	€111,959.85
TAXI/COURIER SERVICE	€34,449.82
VENDING MACHINE & WATER SUPPLIES	€11,323.21
MAINTENANCE	€3,547.74
HOTEL ROOM HIRE/ACCOMODATION	€24,400.11
MEDICAL FEES*	€148,200.00
MEDICAL PAYMENTS**	€1,089,608.35
LEGAL FEES ***	€2,193,777.89
ADVICE AS TO FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE AWARD	€124,422.00

ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	€1,359,904.93
BOARD MEMBERS FEES	€1,627,340.81
TRAINING	€16,594.79
PUBLICATIONS	€0.00
SECURITY	€92,251.59
BOARD CATERING	€37,203.74
AGENCY STAFF	€219,563.68
MISCELLANEOUS	€79,078.70
TOTAL	€7,636,006.79

*These fees are for medical reports prepared by doctors appointed by the Board under section 11 of The Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002

**These figures represent payments made by the Board for medical reports received prior to the completion of an application with respect to the injuries suffered by applicants.

*** These fees relate to Counsel employed by the Board and other legally related services.

AWARDS DATA FOR THE YEAR 2007

AWARDS	AMOUNT €
TOTAL	€139,526,200.27

LEGAL COSTS DATA FOR THE YEAR 2007

COSTS	AMOUNT €
COSTS PAID IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARD	€29,648,177.08
COSTS PAID IN RESPECT OF RELATED HIGH COURT PROCEEDINGS	€1,707,347.48
TOTAL	€31,355,524.56

Memorial Service

A memorial service in honour of our late Chairman Mr. Justice Sean O'Leary will be held tomorrow afternoon Tuesday February 27th. As a mark of respect the Board's office will be closed from 11 a.m. on that date and will reopen on Wednesday February 28th

Newsletter July 2007

This is the 14th in a series of newsletters which the Board has decided to produce to keep applicants informed from time to time as to the procedures it follows and other developments. The Board's "Guide to Hearing Procedures" issued in April 2003 and in December of 2005 the Board issued the third edition of the guide. The Board's annual report for 2006 will issue once the annual audit is completed by the Comptroller and Auditor General. The Comptroller and Auditor General is, as yet, unable to say when the audit will take place.

New Chairperson

The Board is pleased to announce that the Minister for Education and Science, Ms. Mary Hanafin, appointed the Honourable Mr. Justice Bryan McMahon as Chairperson of the Board on the 4th of May 2007.

Applications

The final date for receipt of applications has now passed and the Board has received a total of 14,540 applications, 9,432 of which were received in 2005. 2,255 of these were received in November and 3,700 were received in December.

The Board notifies applicants once it has received all necessary documentation in relation to their case. These notifications, known as completion letters, issue at a rate commensurate with the Board's ability to finalise applications and therefore do not always issue immediately after the Board has complied with its obligations in relation to the notification of relevant persons as outlined in the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2002. The Board is conscious that, given the disproportionately large number of applications lodged immediately before the statutory deadline of December 15th 2005 (3,700 applications were lodged in the first two weeks of December 2005 compared with 104 for the same period in 2004) there will be a considerable time lapse before these applications can be finalised.

Applications Received after 15th December 2005

Pursuant to the provisions of section 8(2) of the 2002 Act the Board may, at its discretion and where it considers there are exceptional circumstances, extend the period for receipt of applications. Pursuant to the provisions of section 8(3) of the 2002 Act the Board is obliged to extend the time for applications where the applicant was under a legal disability by reason of unsound mind. In such a case an application may be made within 3 years of when the disability ceased. Any applicant wishing to lodge an application after December 15th 2005 is asked to explain in writing to the Board why the application was not lodged in time. The Board considers

each such submission individually. By the 26th of June the Board had received 219 such submissions which were dealt with as follows:

- 29 submissions were accepted by the Board
- 111 submissions were disallowed by the Board
- 3 submissions were withdrawn
- In 62 cases the Board was awaiting further information from the applicant
- 14 submissions remained to be considered by the Board

Awards

To date the Board has completed the process in 8,666 cases. 6,460 offers have been accepted following settlement talks and 1,824 awards have been made following hearings. 5 applicants have rejected their awards. 382 applications were withdrawn, refused or resulted in a nil or no award. By and large applications have been refused when, on the face of the documentation, the application was outside the Boards terms of reference as laid down in the 2002 Act. In other words the applications did not relate to residential institutions as defined in the Act. These applications were determined by the Board immediately on receipt so that the applicant was informed at the earliest possible date that his/her application is outside the ambit of the redress scheme.

The average value of awards to date is €67,750, the largest award being €300,000.

Redress Bands

The breakdown of awards by Redress Band is as follows:

Redress Bands	Total Weightings for Severity of Abuse and Injury/Effects of Abuse	Award Payable by way of Redress	Number	Percentage
V	70 or more	€200,000 - €300,000	22	0.26%
IV	55 – 69	€150,000 - €200,000	151	1.81%
III	40 – 54	€100,000 - €150,000	1,285	15.39%
II	25 – 39	€ 50,000 - €100,000	4,475	53.60%
I	Less than 25	Up to €50,000	2,416	28.94%
Total			8,349	100%

Sittings

The Board sits every day in its premises in Clonskeagh and now completes approximately 220 cases per month. It has also sat in Galway and Limerick. The Board sits for approximately one week per month in Cork and will continue to do so as long as there are sufficient applications from the region.

Witnesses

It appears that some confusion has arisen regarding the Board's policy on who should inform witnesses when they are required to give evidence on the day of a hearing. The Board is entitled to determine its own procedures in accordance with section 11 (3) of the Redress Act of 2002.

This being the case the Board has decided that any witnesses required by the Board in the course of a hearing will be brought to the hearing room by the Board's registrar and not by the applicant's solicitor.

Legal Costs

To date the Board has paid legal costs to 601 firms of solicitors in respect of 6,494 applications. A total of €83.5 million has been paid, of which €8.5 million was paid in respect of associated High Court proceedings in accordance with section 27(2) of the Redress Act. A more comprehensive schedule of these payments is in the Board's annual report for 2006 which will be published once the Comptroller and Auditor General has completed his audit. The Comptroller and Auditor General is, as yet, unable to furnish the Board with a commencement date for this audit.

Newsletter December 2007

This is the 15th in a series of newsletters which the Board has decided to produce to keep applicants informed from time to time as to the procedures it follows and other developments. The Board's "Guide to Hearing Procedures" issued in April 2003 and in December of 2005 the Board issued the third edition of the guide.

Applications

The final date for receipt of applications has now passed and the Board has received a total of 14,541 applications.

The Board notifies applicants once it has received all necessary documentation in relation to their case. These notifications, known as completion letters, issue at a rate commensurate with the Board's ability to finalise applications and therefore do not always issue immediately after the Board has complied with its obligations in relation to the notification of relevant persons as outlined in the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2002. The Board is conscious that, given the disproportionately large number of applications lodged immediately before the statutory deadline of December 15th 2005 (3,700 applications were lodged in the first two weeks of December 2005 compared with 104 for the same period in 2004) there will be a considerable time lapse before these applications can be finalised.

Applications Received after 15th December 2005

Pursuant to the provisions of section 8(2) and 8(3) of the 2002 Act the Board may, at its discretion and where it considers there are exceptional circumstances, extend the period for receipt of applications. Any applicant wishing to lodge an application after December 15th 2005 is asked to explain in writing to the Board why the application was not lodged in time. The Board considers each such submission individually. By the 20th December 2007 the Board had received 253 such submissions which were dealt with as follows;

36 submissions were accepted by the Board

144 submissions were disallowed by the Board

3 submissions were withdrawn

In 65 cases the Board is awaiting further information from the applicant

5 submissions remain to be considered by the Board

Awards

To date the Board has completed the process in 9,896 cases. 7,372 offers have been made following settlement talks and 2,082 awards have been made following hearings. 5 applicants have

rejected their awards. 442 applications were withdrawn, refused or resulted no award. By and large applications have been refused as, on the face of the documentation, the application was outside the Board's terms of reference as laid down in the 2002 Act. In other words, the applications did not relate to residential institutions as defined in the Act. These applications are determined by the Board immediately on receipt so that the applicant is informed at the earliest possible date that his/her application is outside the ambit of the redress scheme.

The average value of awards to date is €66,845, the largest award being €300,000.

Redress Board Bands

The breakdown of awards by Redress Band is as follows:

Redress Bands	Total Weightings for Severity of Abuse and Injury/Effects of Abuse	Award Payable by way of Redress	Number	Percentage
V	70 or more	€200,000 - €300,000	23	0.24%
IV	55 – 69	€150,000 - €200,000	169	1.79%
III	40 – 54	€100,000 - €150,000	1,411	14.92%
II	25 – 39	€ 50,000 - €100,000	4,999	52.88%
I	Less than 25	Up to €50,000	2,852	30.17%
Total			9,454	100%

Sittings

The Board sits every day in its premises in Clonskeagh and now completes approximately 220 cases per month. It has also sat in Galway and Limerick. The Board sits for approximately one week per month in Cork and will continue to do so as long as there are sufficient applications from the region.

Legal Costs

To date the Board has paid legal costs to 645 firms of solicitors in respect of 7,706 applications. A

total of €97 million has been paid, of which €9.3 million was paid in respect of associated High Court proceedings in accordance with section 27(2) of the Redress Act.

Christmas Opening Hours

The Board's offices will close on Christmas Eve and will re-open on Friday 28th December 2007.

The Board and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all applicants a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. A special note of thanks is extended to all those who contributed to the establishment of the Board and who continue to help us in our attempt to provide the best possible service to all applicants.

Board Information Updated to 30th June 2008

Awards

By the 30th June 2008 the Board had completed the process in 11,337 cases. 8,469 offers have been made following settlement talks, 2,015 awards have been made following hearings and 312 awards have been made following review. 5 applicants have rejected their awards. 541 applications were withdrawn, refused or resulted in no award. By and large applications have been refused as, on the face of the documentation, the application was outside the Board's terms of reference as laid down in the 2002 Act. In other words, the applications did not relate to residential institutions as defined in the Act. These applications are determined by the Board immediately on receipt so that the applicant is informed at the earliest possible date that his/her application is outside the ambit of the redress scheme.

The average value of awards to date is €65,376 the largest award being €300,500.

Redress Board Bands

The breakdown of awards by Redress Band is as follows:

Redress Bands	Total Weightings for Severity of Abuse and Injury/Effects of Abuse	Award Payable by way of Redress	Number	Percentage
V	70 or more	€200,000 - €300,000	25	0.23%
IV	55 - 69	€150,000 - €200,000	182	1.69%
III	40 - 54	€100,000 - €150,000	1,532	14.19%
II	25 - 39	€50,000 - €100,000	5,579	51.68%
I	Less than 25	Up to €50,000	3,478	32.22%
Total			10,796	100%

Legal Costs

By the 30th June 2008 the Board had paid legal costs to 708 firms of solicitors in respect of 9,016 applications. A total of €115.3 million has been paid, of which €10.2 million was paid in respect of associated High Court proceedings in accordance with section 27(2) of the Redress Act.

Applications Received after 15th December 2005

Pursuant to the provisions of section 8(2) and 8(3) of the 2002 Act the Board may, at its discretion and where it considers there are exceptional circumstances, extend the period for receipt of applications. Any applicant wishing to lodge an application after December 15th 2005 is asked to explain in writing to the Board why the application was not lodged in time. The Board considers each such submission individually. By the 30th June 2008 the Board had received 300 such submissions which were dealt with as follows;

- 46 submissions were accepted by the Board
- 173 submissions were disallowed by the Board
- 4 submissions were withdrawn
- In 59 cases the Board is awaiting further information from the applicant
- 18 submissions remain to be considered by the Board