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Re: PIAB Operations and the Impact of Judicial Guidelines

Dear Ms Keane,

I write to you as CEO of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board, and request that you would please share this communication with your professional colleagues.

The Personal Injury Guidelines (the “Guidelines”), as adopted by the Judicial Council will come into effect in the near future. We have received a significant number of queries from solicitors regarding the Guidelines and the purposes of this letter is to provide clarity to the profession. We are writing to you to request that you would please share this clarity with your members.

The amendment to section 20(5) of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003 (as amended) (the “PIAB Act”), when commenced, is clear that the Guidelines will apply to all cases that have not been assessed by the Board at the time that the Guidelines are commenced. Section 20(5) of the PIAB Act will prescribe that PIAB must have regard to the new guidelines from the effective date of the legislation.

Please note that all assessments made prior to the commencement of the relevant legislation, as set out above, will continue to be made in accordance with the Book of Quantum.

We have received a number of requests to issue authorisations, due to the commencement of the new guidelines, in cases that have not been assessed. PIAB will consider each case on its merits and will issue authorisations where appropriate and where it has the statutory power to do so. However, PIAB does not have a general statutory power to issue authorisations in cases which have not been assessed.

We confirm that we will keep the “frequently asked questions” area of our website fully updated regarding the implementation of the Guidelines by PIAB.

Yours sincerely



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