

From: "McNulty, Niamh" <nmcnulty@coffeygroup.com>

To: <piabreview@djei.ie>

CC:

Posted Date: 18/07/2014 16:57:47

Subject: Government review

Attachment(s): image001.png

To whom it concerns,

It has come to our attention the Government's decision to review the operation and implementation of the Personal Injuries Board Assessment Acts.

As an employer, and former Captive Insurance company owner for our operations, we would encourage the review.

It is our understanding that a review of the Book of Quantum is likely to be one of the topics brought up. We would support this review as we believe that the awards are excessive.

We have also, on a number of occasions experienced the situation where a claimant refuses to attend and/or co-operate with the Injuries Board process and subsequently rejects the assessment made by the Board, leaving the employer no option but to follow the case through the legal system along with the enormous costs associated with that process. Surely it cannot be deemed fair where an employer accepts liability in a case, the claimant does not co-operate with the process, and the employer still finds itself in the throws of the legal system regardless.. ?

The exorbitant legal costs in Ireland is an issue, as presented in the Health & Safety Review publication of July/August 2014: " In a case about legal costs, which came before the High Court by way of an application for judicial review, it emerged that in a case of alleged bullying and harassment which was settled for €50,000, the solicitor for the successful plaintiff submitted a bill of €235,000 plus VAT for the solicitor's instructions fee". This that needs to be addressed but I appreciate that this may be outside the remit of this review.

Thank you for your time,

(on behalf of )

[IMAGE]

Patrick Coffey (Managing Director)

Coffey Group

And

Western Captive Insurance Co. Ltd. (Director)

- image001.png