

**Public consultation on the operation and implementation of the
Personal Injuries Assessment Board Acts, 2003 and 2007**

Richard Bruton, TD, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, wishes to announce a public consultation on the operation and implementation of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Acts, 2003 and 2007.

The Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act was enacted in 2003. PIAB itself was established in April 2004 as part of the Government's insurance reform programme, in order to "fairly, promptly and transparently compensate the victims of accidents involving personal injuries in a cost effective manner". Through PIAB certain classes of personal injury claim, where liability is uncontested, can be settled without the need for many of the costs associated with litigation, such as solicitors', barristers' and experts' fees, which can contribute to the high cost of settling such claims.

The Act has been in force now for ten years and it is timely to take stock of how the legislation is operating in practice, and to identify whether there are areas relating to the scope, powers or operation of the Act which might require change.

Your comments, observations and submissions on the operation and implementation of the Act are invited. These should be submitted, preferably by electronic mail, to: piabreview@djei.ie, or by post to the following address:

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to arrive no later than 5pm on Thursday the 31st of July 2014.

Please note that all comments, observations and submissions received will be subject to the Freedom of Information Acts 1997-2003, and may be published following the review. Consequently, when submitting material, parties should identify any information which they consider should not be released, and identify the grounds under the Acts which support the non-release of the information.