



Inquiry into Options Available to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

WA Health submission to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee

1. How many claims have been made through:

a. the National Redress Scheme?

The number of claims made through the National Redress Scheme is 49 in total to the Western Australian (WA) health system. This number excludes 14 record requests and 3 non-sexual abuse claims.

- Department of Health (DOH): █
- East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS): █
- North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS): █
- South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS): █
- Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS): █
- WA Country Health Service (WACHS): █

b. civil litigation both, before and after the introduction of the 2018 Act?

The number of claims made against the Department of Health via civil litigation are 3. There are 2 matters where no writ has yet been issued, but they have provided a Notice of Intent. These are not included in the number of claims.

c. How many claims against your organisation involved co-respondents, and can you provide the names of those organisations?

The number of claims which have co-respondents are 30. The co-respondents include Department of Communities, Department of Education, Catholic Education Office WA, Department of Justice, WA Police, Presbyterian Church, Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries, Catholic Mission, Catholic Church, Federal Aboriginal Board, and Churches of Christ.

d. any other allegations dealt with outside a) and b)?

No.

2. Of those claims or allegations, how many (for each category) have resulted in financial payments to the claimant?

The following financial payments have been made to claimants.

National Redress Scheme:

- DOH: █
- EMHS: █
- NMHS: █
- SMHS: █
- CAHS: █
- WACHS: █

Civil proceedings:

- DOH: █

3. What was the average payment for each category?

National Redress Scheme:

Over 15 claims, the average amount paid was \$80,802.79, with up to \$5,000 for counselling for each claimant in addition to the redress amount.

Civil proceedings:

The numbers are too small to disclose an average without breaching confidentiality.

4. How many claims are still to be finalised in each category?

The following claims are still to be finalised.

National Redress Scheme:

- DOH: █
- EMHS: █
- NMHS: █
- SMHS: █
- CAHS: █
- WACHS: █

Civil proceedings:

- DOH: █ ongoing

5. How many individuals in your organisation have had allegations of child sexual abuse made against them?

The total of individuals with child sexual abuse allegations made against them is 28. This includes 19 who were unidentifiable by the claimant or the Health Service Provider and 9 who were identified by the claimant (but only 2 of the 9 were confirmed as former employees).

6. How long did it take on average to finalise the claims in each category?

National Redress Scheme:

The average is 181.2 business days over 32 claims.

Civil proceedings:

The single claim finalised to date took 349 business days.