



15 August 2025

CRO OIA 582-25

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 19 June 2025 which was partially transferred to the Crown Response Office from the Office of the Hon Erica Stanford. The part of your request transferred to the Crown Response Office is for the following information:

With refence to SOU-MIN-0039, considered by Cabinet on 7 April 2025, please provide under the Official Information Act:

- *With regards paragraph 71 of the appendix to the paper, provide all information regarding the approximate \$11,000 per claimant figure contained, including any commentary on that figure, more detailed breakdown of how that figure was reached and who prepared that figure.*

Response to your request

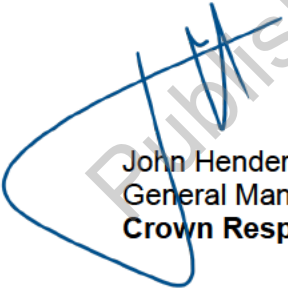
Please find the attached email dated 17 March 2025 titled *Additional information commissioned from officials meeting on 11 March 2025* which falls in scope of your request.

All additional documents within scope of your request have been released on our website at the following link: <https://www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/OIAs/OIA-496-25-Letter-and-document-pack.pdf>

Therefore, I am refusing to release these documents under s18(d) as they are already publicly available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available via www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā


John Henderson
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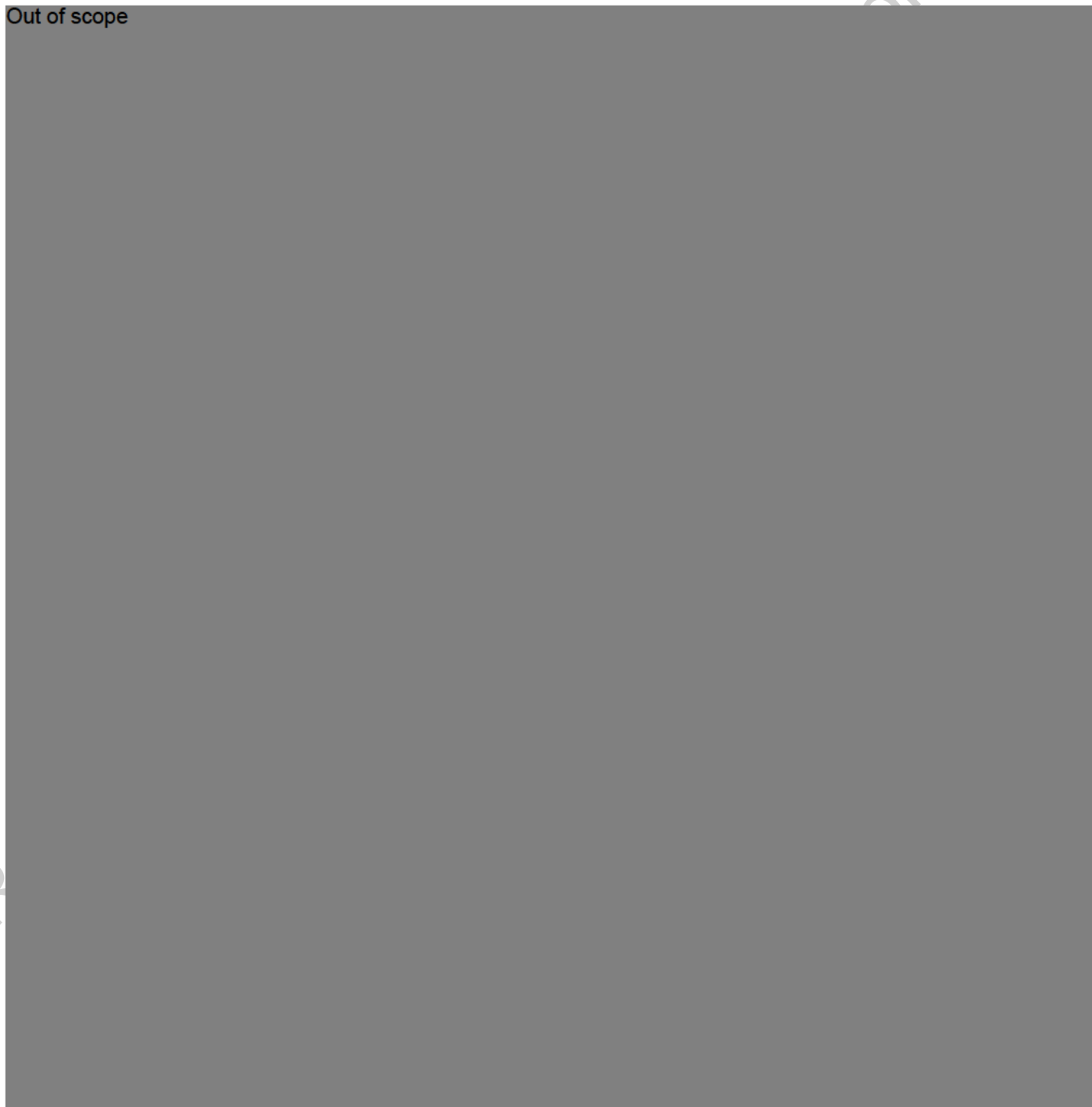
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Legal fees

Claims agencies have agreements with legal aid to meet the costs on a percentage of a survivor's legal fees and legal aid wiping the remaining legal aid debt. The percentage reimbursed by claims agencies varies from agency to agency. This varies from 50% to 75%. In addition to this agencies will pay reasonable legal costs for survivor's who are not eligible for legal aid.

The cost to reimburse legal fees is directly linked to the number of hours billed by a lawyer and funded by legal aid. Changes to further enhance assessment processes and simplify processes to provide the details of a claim, along with the introduction of a framework a consistent approach to defining reasonable legal costs are expected to reduce legal costs and create savings. It is proposed that any savings achieved through these changes are used support the assessment of additional claims over and above the minimum numbers funded by Government.

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