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REPORT TO THE COURT AND PARTIES
UPDATE AS TO THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA STOLEN WAGES SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION SCHEME
Pursuant to Clause 54 of the Settlement Distribution Scheme

This report is submitted to the Court and the parties in accordance with the requirements set by the Orders of the Court (12 December 2024) as well as the Settlement Distribution Scheme (“SDS”). The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the administration of the SDS. It includes information on the progress made so far, the verification process, and the status of claimants.

The SDS was established to ensure that eligible claimants receive their due compensation in a fair and timely manner. The administration of this scheme involves several critical steps, including the verification of claimants, the distribution of funds, and ongoing communication with all parties involved.

This report aims to:

- outline the progress of the administration of the SDS;
- detail the manner in which the verification process has been carried out;
- provide the number of individuals verified as Original Eligible Claimants (“OEC”); and
- state the number of individuals notified as ineligible to participate in the Scheme, along with the reasons for their ineligibility.

The following sections will provide an account of each of these points, highlighting the efforts made by the Administrators to ensure the smooth and efficient execution of the SDS.

The Administrators continue to work towards completion of the SDS within the next 4-6 months, subject to any unforeseen delays.

1. Progress of the Administration of the SDS

This update should be read in conjunction with all previous updates.

Since our last update on 3 December 2025, the Administrators have continued with their diligent administration of the SDS. Significant progress has been made, including:

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- **Maintained the online website and FAQ tool** which went live on 12 December 2024, to provide key information and to assist claimants with their queries.
- **Maintained the call centre** which commenced on 15 January 2025 and has now addressed the concerns of in excess of 29,000 callers and 8,000 email correspondents since it went live. This level of contact with the call centre is significantly more than previously expected and has continued for a much longer period than anticipated.
- **On 15 December 2025, a second request for further information was issued to 3,030 claimants** whose claims remained “inconclusive” or prima facie “ineligible” with responses due by 31 January 2026. As with the first request, the purpose of the information was to assist the Administrators with the verification of these claims. The Administrators are currently working through the information received and at the date of this report have identified an additional 565 OECs and DOECs.
- **As at 16 January 2026, distributions have been made to 1,912 OECs**, with the most recent distribution occurring on 16 January 2026 to 74 OECs. This number reflects all known and then eligible OECs having received their initial payments of \$10,000.
- **As at 16 January 2026, distributions have been made to 9,016 Deceased Eligible Claimants (“DECs”)** with the most recent distribution occurring on 16 January 2026 to 2,041 DECs. We note that the DEC claims are for 5,178 Deceased Original Eligible Claimants (“DOEC”). This number reflects all known and then eligible DECs having received their initial payments of \$10,000.
- **To ensure the prompt payment of entitlements to claimants**, the Administrators caused pro rata payments to be made to DECs in situations where an estate has at least 1 claimant who is not yet eligible, but where the remaining claimants are currently eligible. In order to ensure the remaining (and eligible) claimants received their entitlements in a timely manner, their pro rata portion of the initial amount (\$10,000) was issued to them. Subsequent additional payments will be made to these claimants if the remaining (currently ineligible) claimant is ultimately deemed ineligible.
- **Distribution statements will be issued to a further 565 OECs and DOECs** on receipt of the settlement funds from the state (to invoiced shortly) will likely occur by 27 February 2026.
- **Late registrations** from c.500 claimants have been received. These claims are generally unsubstantiated and will be subject to further verification works. Correspondence will be issued to these claimants on or around 17 February 2026 seeking further information to substantiate their claims. Subject to their responses, orders may be sought from the Court to admit these claimants.
- **Prepared correspondence for claim rejections to be issued in the week ending 20 February 2026.** The claimants who will receive the first round of rejection notices are those born outside the required period. We currently anticipate c.275 rejections will be issued.

2. Verification Process update

We advise that in conjunction with the State Solicitors Office (“SSO”), verification as to the eligibility of claims has continued with an additional 565 OECs and DOECs verified as eligible, since our last update to the Court.

The Administrators will continue to utilise their teams, in conjunction with the research team at the SSO to verify and adjudicate on all remaining OECs and DOECs.

3. Verified OECs

Since our appointment, we have worked closely with the SSO in order to verify as many OECs as possible. As a result of this work, the following OECs have been verified:

Original Eligible Claimants	2,052
Deceased Original Eligible Claimants	5,638
Total	7,690

As noted above, we have now verified an additional 565 OECs and DOECs since our last claim to the State and since our last report to the Court.

Accordingly, we will be issuing a request for payment from the Respondent, the State of Western Australia, in the amount of \$9,322,500.

Upon receipt of the funds, the OECs and DECAs will be paid in accordance with the SDS, as will all required reimbursements.

4. Number of individuals notified as ineligible

The Administrators and their teams are currently working with all claimants currently considered ineligible to determine whether any documentation exists that would alter their status.

As noted above, we have not yet advised any parties that they are ineligible to date as we have been undertaking further verification works.

However, we expect to commence issuing rejection notices to the first tranche of ineligible claimants by 20 February 2026.

5. General Delays

Due to the Claimants' lack of means to receive electronic communications, we are having to provide written correspondence to approximately half of the claimants.

As previously noted, given the location of a number of the claimants, and the time it takes for physical post to reach some of the remote areas, we have had to provide additional time for those impacted claimants to object to their distribution (or to update their bank account details).

Further, to allow for sufficient time and avoid unnecessary rejections, we have extended the timeframes for the RFI processes on multiple occasions.

The Administrators will continue to provide regular updates to the Court and the parties involved, ensuring transparency and accountability throughout the process. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of all parties as we work diligently to fulfill the objectives of the SDS.

Signed



David Hodgson

Joint Scheme Administrator