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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 14 October 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 27,000 callers and 7,000 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.
- **Issued an update to claimants** via email on 7 November 2025, the next correspondence / update will be issued in by 12 December 2025.
- **Distributions have been made to 1,796 OECs**, with initial payments of \$10,000 having been made.
- **Distribution statements were issued to 5,470 Deceased Eligible Claimants (“DECs”)** on 3 October 2025, with the payment occurring on or after 24 October 2025 (for those receiving correspondence via email) and 27 November 2025 for those via the post. We note that the DEC claims are for 3,803 Deceased Original Eligible Claimants (“DOEC”).
- **Distribution statements were issued to a further 41 OECs and 1,583 DECs** on 14 November 2025 with payments to commence on 8 December 2025.
- **A further 929 Distribution Statements will be issued to 77 OECs and 852 DECs** on or around 12 December 2025 with payments likely to commence on 12 January 2026.
- **Issued a request for further information from 3,515 claimants** whose claims were detailed as “inconclusive” or prima facie “ineligible” with responses due by 7 November 2025 (since extended to 30 November 2025). The purpose of the information was to assist the Administrators with the verification of these claims. We advise that at the date of this report, the Administrators have received over 2,000 emails in response.
- **Reviewed over 2,000 emails in response to the Administrators’ request for information** resulting in the confirmed eligibility of 60 additional OECs and 675 DECs (relating to 617 DOECs).
- **Processed over 700 emails requesting changes to banking details.**
- **Late registrations** from c.500 claimants have been received. These claims are generally unsubstantiated and will be subject to significant verification works. These claims will be reviewed once we have finalised the claims which were received on or before the official end date for registrations, 30 September 2024.

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 87 OECs 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.

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	1,929
Deceased Original Eligible Claimants	5,347
Total	7,276

We have now verified an additional 595 OECs and Deceased OECs since our last claim to the State and since our last report to the Court.

Additionally, we have also completed our review of duplicate claims of OECs (i.e. multiple claims of eligible DEC's for the same Deceased Original Eligible Claimant). We have identified 151 unique instances of duplicate claims occurring.

Accordingly, we will be issuing a request for payment from the Respondent, the State of Western Australia, in the net amount of \$7,326,000.00, being the 595 additional OECs less the 151 duplicate claims of OECs which were claimed from the state and subsequently paid.

Upon receipt of the funds, the OECs 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.

While we have not yet advised any parties that they are ineligible, the Administrators intend on issuing two versions of correspondence in the coming weeks.

This correspondence can be categorised as follows:

- 1) Letters of rejection to those parties who do not qualify for payment under the SDS; and
- 2) Letter to the balance of ineligible / inconclusive claimants who have either not replied to our request for information (issued in October 2025) or have not provided sufficient evidence. This will be the final correspondence issued in advance of a letter of rejection.

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.

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).

We consider this to be an unavoidable delay for the Administrators and note that we are updating contact details when available to negate this issue.

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