

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Appointment
Report Title	Criminal Injuries Compensation Board: Reappointment of members
Minister	Home Affairs
Signatory	Minister
Lead Department	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or <a href="#">Absolutely/Qualified</a> Exempt	Public Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
Date decision made if different to date 'Ministerial Decision Summary' signed.	Select date.
Report and Supplemental Report Details	
Report Author	Private Secretary
Date of Report	15/12/2022
Ministerial Decision Report: Public or <a href="#">Absolutely/Qualified</a> Exempt	Public Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.
Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.

### **Introduction**

Members of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (the Board) make decisions in respect of whether to award compensation, and the level of any compensation, to victims of crimes under the [Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme](#) (the Scheme).

Members are appointed by the Minister and, according to the terms of the Scheme, there must be no more than 12 members, at least three of whom must be advocates or solicitors of not less than 5 years' standing (legal members).

The Scheme provides that the appointment of members in the first instance is for a period of five years, and appointments are renewable for such periods as the Minister may think appropriate thereafter.

On 19 May 2022, the Minister for Home Affairs made a ministerial decision to renew the appointments of the below four members until 31 December 2022. These memberships are therefore soon due to expire, and to ensure the continued viability of the Scheme, it is recommended that they be reappointed for a period of two years.

- Advocate Lee Ingram, Chairman
- Advocate Christopher Hillier, Legal Member
- Ms Linzi Mudge, Lay Member
- Mr Nigel Collier Webb, Lay Members

This will provide the necessary stability and consistency for the Scheme to continue operating in its current form, until arrangements are able to be made to update the Scheme in accordance with the Minister's direction.

### **Recommendation**

The Minister is recommended to approve the appointments, effective from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.