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Post Office Horizon financial redress data as of 1 February 2024

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The government is determined that postmasters affected by the Horizon IT scandal receive the financial redress that they deserve.

As of 1 February 2024, over £160 million has been paid to approximately 2,700 claimants across 3 schemes:

- Horizon Shortfall Scheme (HSS): £98 million
- Group Litigation Order (GLO) Scheme: £27 million total value of all payments including interim payments
- Overturned Convictions (OC): 101 convictions have been overturned; £35 million total value of all payments including further interim payments

1. Claim data by scheme

Scheme	Claims received	Offers made	Offers accepted	Claims paid
Overturned Convictions (OC): initial interim payments	95 [+5]	92 [+7]	89 [+4]	89 [+5]
Overturned Convictions (OC): full and final settlements	42 [+6]	36 [+2]	32 [+1]	32 [+1]
Group Litigation Order Scheme (GLO): initial interim payment	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	476-483
Group Litigation Order Scheme (GLO): full and final	58 [+7]	52 [+8]	41 [+12]	28 [-]
Horizon Shortfall Scheme (HSS): eligible claims before deadline	2,417 [-]	2,417 [-]	2,051 [-]	2,049 [+9]
Horizon Shortfall Scheme (HSS): eligible late claims	376 [+40]	242 [+9]	146 [+4]	140 [+8]

Information correct as of 31 January 2024 for HSS, and 1st February 2024 for OC and GLO.

Changes from 11 January 2024 in square brackets.

[-] indicates no change since last month.

2. Notes for table

In the 'Claim data by scheme' table:

- spend is rounded to nearest £1 million
- data regarding the HSS and OC are sourced from Post Office Ltd, which retains full responsibility for the data published on its website

2.1 Overturned Convictions (OC)

Initial interim payments are available to eligible postmasters upon getting their conviction overturned on the grounds that it was reliant on Horizon evidence.

A 'full' settlement comprises both pecuniary (financial) and non-pecuniary (personal) losses, but the Post Office has been progressing non-pecuniary settlements first to get money to postmasters as quickly as possible, which means a number of partial settlements have been reached in addition to the full and final settlements published here.

The department is now publishing data on full and final settlements. Claims received are no longer being broken down into pecuniary and non-pecuniary settlements as in previous months.

2.2 Group Litigation Order (GLO) Scheme

Out of the 555 who were members of the Group Litigation Order, 63 postmasters had convictions and are therefore eligible to apply for financial redress once their conviction has been overturned.

The remaining 492 postmasters are currently eligible for the Group Litigation Order Scheme, of whom 484 qualify for interim payments.

Progress continues to be made on distributing shares of the £19.5 million interim payments announced in June 2022.

For disclosure reasons, the exact number of claims paid is now withheld.

This month, the number of payments increased by less than 9.

Work continues on the remaining payments in complex categories such as those recently deceased and people who have not taken up the offer of an interim payment.

A full claim on the GLO Scheme is defined as a claim which DBT considers, with advice from its legal advisors, does not need any further evidence in order to assess every element of the claim. Should the department consider further evidence is needed in order to make a full assessment, this claim is no longer counted in our data as a full claim until such time that the required evidence is received from the claimant or any other source. This means that the figures reported for number of claims received may need to be revised.

2.3 Horizon Shortfall Scheme (HSS)

Post Office received 2,417 eligible claims by March 2021.

The closure date for applications was 27 November 2020, but Post Office continued to accept applications for the original deadline group up to March 2021.

In October 2022, the government announced that additional funding would be provided so that eligible late claimants could receive financial redress, and the scheme reopened for applications.

Post Office has received 376 eligible late claims to date.

Interim payments on the HSS are available before and after claimants receive an offer of financial redress.

The £98 million paid out on the HSS includes £24 million in interim payments to original claimants and £2.6 million in interim payments to late applications.

3. GLO scheme delivery target

The Department for Business and Trade (DBT) is committed to a target of making a first offer to 90% of claimants who have submitted a full claim within 40 working days.

A full claim is defined as a claim which DBT considers, with advice from its legal advisors, does not need any further evidence in order to assess every element of the claim.

Should the Department consider further evidence is needed in order to make a full assessment, the 40-working day target will not start until such time that the required evidence is received from the claimant or any other source.

As of 1 February, 70% of claimants received their first offer within 40 working days of submitting a full claim.

4. Post Office data

This data is part of DBT's Post Office Horizon financial redress data collection (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/post-office-horizon-compensation-data>).

Post Office also publish updates on Overtured Convictions and financial redress (<https://corporate.postoffice.co.uk/en/horizon-scandal-pages/overtured-convictions-and-financial-redress-information-on-progress/>), and the Horizon Shortfall Scheme (<https://corporate.postoffice.co.uk/en/horizon-scandal-pages/horizon-shortfall-scheme-latest-data-on-progress/>) on their website.