

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW OF CARANUA ELIGIBILITY & SERVICES**

### **Purpose**

The review being carried out into *Caranua* should have an initial report into its findings by the end of Quarter 3 of 2017.

The findings of this review should contribute to the discharging of *Caranua* services alongside informing and identifying any potential legislative changes of the *Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act (2012)* that may need to be amended.

In performing its function, the review should consider;

- (a) Review of Caruana's overall expenditure to date.
- (b) Estimate likely further expenditure taking into account the applications on hand and anticipated further applications.
- (c) Review the likelihood of any underspend and then review
  - a. The potential of widening eligibility to include Dependents<sup>1</sup> and Survivors who did not receive a settlement, redress payment or court award access the Caranua scheme.
  - b. identify possible arrangements for verifying eligibility, resource implications and related issues.
- (d) Review the average waiting time for a response from Caranua and recommend reasonable timeframes of response for applicants for each stage of application.
- (e) To review Caranua processes of prioritising applicants and introducing a cap on services. To then make recommendations based on the effectiveness or lack thereof.
- (f) Review the work carried out by Caranua into "enhancing existing services" and review what their plan is for any "step-down" processes upon its completion.

### **Procedures**

In progressing its review, existing information, data, reports, state funded Service Providers (Survivor specific organisations) and other agencies should be used.

The Reviews findings must be published and the evidence on which these are based.

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<sup>1</sup> Dependents, as defined by the Residential Institutions Redress Act (2002)