

## Freedom of Information Request

**Request:**

Information on the rates of ill-health retirement applications for various broad group of medical conditions and the number of applications approved, deferred and rejected.

**Status:** Complete

**Response Date:** 14/01/2009

Please see Appendix below

## APPENDIX 1

The table below shows the outcome by broad diagnostic category of initial applications for ill health retirement benefits during the period from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

IHR Initial - 1 April 07 to 31 March 2008	Accepted		Deferred		Not Accepted		Total	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	7	0.19%	1	0.03%	1	0.03%	9	0.24%
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	15	0.41%	3	0.08%	48	1.31%	66	1.80%
Congenital malformations and deformations	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.03%	1	0.03%
Diseases of blood and blood forming organs	15	0.41%	0	0.00%	2	0.05%	17	0.46%
Diseases of the circulatory system	134	3.65%	10	0.27%	45	1.22%	189	5.14%
Diseases of the digestive system	37	1.01%	7	0.19%	27	0.73%	71	1.93%
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	17	0.46%	4	0.11%	13	0.35%	34	0.92%
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	47	1.28%	1	0.03%	15	0.41%	63	1.71%
Diseases of the genitourinary system	23	0.63%	4	0.11%	13	0.35%	40	1.09%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (back)	279	7.59%	48	1.31%	281	7.64%	608	16.54%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (non back)	417	11.34%	61	1.66%	281	7.64%	759	20.65%
Diseases of the nervous system	301	8.19%	31	0.84%	52	1.41%	384	10.45%

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Diseases of the respiratory system	<b>80</b>	2.18%	<b>6</b>	0.16%	<b>31</b>	0.84%	<b>117</b>	3.18%
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	<b>18</b>	0.49%	<b>1</b>	0.03%	<b>4</b>	0.11%	<b>23</b>	0.63%
Endocrine, nutritional and Metabolic diseases	<b>33</b>	0.90%	<b>4</b>	0.11%	<b>21</b>	0.57%	<b>58</b>	1.58%
External causes of morbidity and mortality	<b>1</b>	0.03%	<b>0</b>	0.00%	<b>0</b>	0.00%	<b>1</b>	0.03%
Factors influencing health status	<b>18</b>	0.49%	<b>0</b>	0.00%	<b>7</b>	0.19%	<b>25</b>	0.68%
Injury, poisoning and other external consequences	<b>13</b>	0.35%	<b>1</b>	0.03%	<b>5</b>	0.14%	<b>19</b>	0.52%
Mental and behavioural disorders	<b>245</b>	6.66%	<b>27</b>	0.73%	<b>382</b>	10.39%	<b>654</b>	17.79%
Neoplasms	<b>466</b>	12.68%	<b>13</b>	0.35%	<b>40</b>	1.09%	<b>519</b>	14.12%
Stress	<b>4</b>	0.11%	<b>0</b>	0.00%	<b>3</b>	0.08%	<b>7</b>	0.19%
Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings	<b>1</b>	0.03%	<b>1</b>	0.03%	<b>3</b>	0.08%	<b>5</b>	0.14%
Unknown category	<b>0</b>	0.00%	<b>1</b>	0.03%	<b>6</b>	0.16%	<b>7</b>	0.19%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2171</b>	<b>59.06%</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>6.09%</b>	<b>1281</b>	<b>34.85%</b>	<b>3676</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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The following three tables show the outcome by broad diagnostic category of appeals for ill health retirement benefits during the period from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 at the initial, second and final stage of the appeals process

**IHR 1<sup>st</sup> Appeals – 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008**

	Accepted		Deferred		Not Accepted		Total	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	21	2.9%	2	0.3%	11	1.5%	34	4.6%
Diseases of blood and blood forming organs	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	3	0.4%
Diseases of the circulatory system	16	2.2%	2	0.3%	15	2.0%	33	4.5%
Diseases of the digestive system	9	1.2%	2	0.3%	1	0.1%	12	1.6%
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	7	1.0%	1	0.1%	2	0.3%	10	1.4%
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	5	0.7%	0	0.0%	4	0.5%	9	1.2%
Diseases of the genitourinary system	3	0.4%	2	0.3%	2	0.3%	7	1.0%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (back)	95	12.9%	21	2.9%	55	7.5%	171	23.3%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (non back)	91	12.4%	14	1.9%	56	7.6%	161	21.9%
Diseases of the nervous system	27	3.7%	6	0.8%	12	1.6%	45	6.1%

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Diseases of the respiratory system	<b>11</b>	1.5%	<b>0</b>	0.0%	<b>6</b>	0.8%	<b>17</b>	2.3%
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	<b>2</b>	0.3%	<b>0</b>	0.0%	<b>1</b>	0.1%	<b>3</b>	0.4%
Endocrine, nutritional and Metabolic diseases	<b>6</b>	0.8%	<b>0</b>	0.0%	<b>2</b>	0.3%	<b>8</b>	1.1%
External causes of morbidity and mortality	<b>1</b>	0.1%	<b>0</b>	0.0%	<b>0</b>	0.0%	<b>1</b>	0.1%
Factors influencing health status	<b>2</b>	0.3%	<b>0</b>	0.0%	<b>4</b>	0.5%	<b>6</b>	0.8%
Injury, poisoning and other external consequences	<b>2</b>	0.3%	<b>0</b>	0.0%	<b>1</b>	0.1%	<b>3</b>	0.4%
Mental and behavioural disorders	<b>80</b>	10.9%	<b>11</b>	1.5%	<b>84</b>	11.4%	<b>175</b>	23.8%
Neoplasms	<b>24</b>	3.3%	<b>1</b>	0.1%	<b>4</b>	0.5%	<b>29</b>	4.0%
Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings	<b>2</b>	0.3%	<b>0</b>	0.0%	<b>0</b>	0.0%	<b>2</b>	0.3%
Unknown category	<b>2</b>	0.3%	<b>1</b>	0.1%	<b>1</b>	0.1%	<b>4</b>	0.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>55.6%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>35.8%</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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