

Witness Name: Brian O'Mahony

Statement No.: WITN7418016

Exhibits:

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF BRIAN O'MAHONY

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006, dated 1 December 2022.

I, Brian O'Mahony, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. Please identify any corrections you would like to make to your oral evidence, provided on Tuesday, 8 November 2022, in relation to Department of Health lawyers attending tribunal hearings.

1. At page 41 of the transcript [INQY1000257], I answered that lawyers from the Department of Health were present at Tribunal hearings. This is not the case - they are usually present at High Court appeals where an individual claimant has appealed the Tribunal award to that Court.

2. Please identify any other corrections you wish to make to your oral evidence, provided on 8 November 2022, or your witness statement, dated 18 October 2022.

2. At page 44 of the transcript, I said I was not aware of any settlement procedure. There is, apparently, a settlement procedure under section 8 of the principal act of 1997.

3. On page 48 of the transcript, I was asked about interim payments. I have been informed by the Hepatitis C compensation Tribunal in Ireland that they have made interim payments in exceptional cases although there is no statutory provision for doing so.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed:

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Dated:

05/12/2022