

M54 – Diffuse Mesothelioma Payment Scheme

Introduction

The States of Deliberation, in their meeting of 4 June 2020, agreed to the introduction of a payment scheme from 1 Jan 2021, for those diagnosed with diffuse mesothelioma following exposure to asbestos in Guernsey and Alderney.

Detail

The payment will be made by the Committee *for* Employment and Social Security, under the Income Support (Guernsey) Law 1971. It will be a single payment, based on age, and will be repayable only if other mesothelioma related compensation is received.

Exposure to asbestos is not just a work related issue, someone could be exposed through contact with someone who has been exposed at work, (for example whilst washing their clothes) or more generally in the environment in which they are living.

Tax Position

These payments will be treated as a casual receipt and as such will not be taxable, as provided for in section 19(b) of the Law.

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