



Deputy Bernard Durkan T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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2/5th May 2024

Dear Bernard Durkan,

I refer to Parliamentary Question No. 466 of 23 April 2024 where you sought:

"To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which gardaí injured in the course of their duties are being compensated or are in the course thereof; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

As you will recall, I had sought the information you requested from the Garda authorities and undertook to contact you again once the information was to hand.

As you may be aware, the commencement of the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Act 2022 was 10 April 2023. Prior to this date, Garda officers applied to the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Acts 1941-1945, which was administered by the Department of Justice. When the new 2022 Act commenced, the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Acts 1941-1945 was repealed.

Following the commencement of the Act, the Minister for Justice no longer authorises claims under the previous 1941-1945 Act.

At the cessation of the 1941-1945 Act, there were 767 claims that had not been authorised. The applicants of those claims were invited to reapply under the 2022 scheme.

The figures provided below relate to the number of claims processed under the 1941-45 Acts for the years 2020 to 2023 (until 7th April 2023).

Year	No of Claims Processed under the Garda Síochána Compensation Acts 1941 and 1945
2020	128
2021	77
2022	92
To 7 April 2023	120

I am advised by the Garda authorities that following commencement of the Act, on April 9th 2023, An Garda Síochána have received 725 applications under the new legislation, of which 606 have been processed.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Helen McEntee T.D.,
Minister for Justice